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THANK YOU TARTAN ARMY

BY **EVE BEATTIE**

A SCOTLAND fan badly hurt in a crash in Germany has thanked the Tartan Army for helping him.

A fundraiser was set up for Gary Ellis, who suffered a broken back in the smash.

And last night, he thanked fans after more than £7000 was donated to the appeal.

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ORDEAL Gary Ellis and, right, the wreckage of the car crash

» Injured Gary praises Scots fans for raising thousands to get him home after smash

» Scotland supporter suffered broken back in crash as he headed to Munich



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TODAY'S WEATHER

Glasgow & West
Bright but with the risk of a shower developing. Breezy. Max 19C (66F). Winds NW at 11-13mph. UV index: 6.

Edinburgh, Fife & Borders
Scattered showers and periods of summer sunshine. Max 18C (64F). Winds NW at 6-8mph. UV index: 6.

Dundee & Aberdeen
A mixture of spells of sunshine and scattered showers. Max 16C (61F). Winds NW at 8-10mph. UV index: 6.

Forth Valley
Scattered showers but also some spells of sunshine. Max 19C (66F). Winds W at 5-7mph. UV index: 6.

Inverness & Moray
Sunny spells and showers. Max 16C (61F). Winds N at 5-7mph. UV index: 6.

Highlands & Islands
A lot of cloud cover and scattered showers. Breezy. Max 15C (59F). Winds N at 12-14mph. UV index: 6.

SUN, MOON & TIDES

Moon sets: 2.01am
Moon rises: 5.12pm
Sun sets: 10.05pm
Sun rises: 4.30am
Lighting-up time: 10.05pm
High water:
Greenock 9.06am, 10.18pm
Aberdeen 10.46am, 11.27pm
Leith 11.57am, -

AIR QUALITY

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THE AULD

STEINS, ZWEI, DRY Glaswegian Kevin Murphy tries the local beer



TO NEW FRIENDS Steven and John O'Neil, and Alan Thompson with England fans Jack and Harry Blunt-Bigwood and Barney Trent

PICTURES: ROSS TURPIE

Scotland fans party with rivals in Cologne as build-up to vital clash v Swiss begins

BY **RYAN CARROLL**
in Cologne

SCOTLAND and England fans partied together in Cologne as the Tartan Army came to town ahead of the crunch match with Switzerland.

Groups of supporters from several countries mingled happily in the German city's Alter Markt yesterday afternoon.

The area had been buzzing with football fans after Switzerland beat Hungary 3-1 at the home of FC Köln on Saturday.

England fans also gathered in the square ahead of last night's match against Serbia, 60 miles away in Gelsenkirchen.

But the biggest contingent was the Tartan Army as an estimated 200,000 fans began arriving yesterday after the 400-mile trip from Munich.

Supporters from Scotland and England were getting along famously yesterday despite trouble between England and Serbia fans in Gelsenkirchen.

Glasgow lads Alan Thomson, John O'Neil and his brother Steven met Londoners Barney Trent, 26, Jack Blunt-Bigwood, 26, and his brother Harry, 24, in a beer garden at Alter Markt.

They sang their teams' chants before laughing, shaking hands and posing for photos together.

John, 44, a mechanic for Glasgow City Council, told the Record: "We met them on the bus in. It's all been good craic.

"Cologne is an amazing city. We're all just here for a good time so it's been really good. The English boys are all right. It's been a good laugh. The German fans in Dortmund have been amazing too."

Jack added: "We're going to the Serbia game. We're England fans but the Scots are fine. It's all banter."

While some Scotland fans explored the city, including the spectacular Cologne Cathedral, others made the most of the bars and restaurants.

Plenty watched the Euro 2024 group games on a big screen in the Alter Markt and at the fan zone in the heart of the city.

Craig Ferguson, who walked from Hampden Park to Munich in support of men's mental health, joined fans as they sang outside Cologne's Corkonian Irish Pub.

Kevin Murphy and his pals Scott Brown, Mark Harkin, Gary Welsh and Brian Welsh, sipped steins in the main square.

Kevin, 38, an engineer from Glasgow, said: "The experience has been great. Everything except the result on Friday, but the beers are making it a bit easier.

"There's been fans from several different countries here but the atmosphere has been spot on.

"We've been drinking with the English, the Hungarians, the Swiss. Everyone has been enjoying drinking and having fun together."

Chris Scott, 28, a social worker from Perth, added: "There's lots of England fans here as well as Swiss and Hungarians, but it's been really friendly."

Kerry Townshend, 48, a support worker from Tayport, Fife, said: "We're staying in Duisburg. Now we're here in Cologne and it is a beautiful city. Everyone is very friendly.

"Apart from the odd English chant of 'Scotland get battered everywhere they go' – when we've

NATIONS MIX AND MAKE NEW PALS

FRENEMY

BANTER Kerry Townshend and her sister Claire McCormack from Tayport in Fife

CLASSY From left, Craig Douglas and Jamie Sinclair travel first class to Cologne

DELIGHT Sir Alex Ferguson meets Zak Schoneville, from Wishaw, in Munich

had to put them in their place – everyone has been getting along."

On the other side of the square Graeme Schoneville, from Wishaw, Lanarkshire, was with members of his family at a cafe.

Graeme, a carer for his disabled son, Zak, 15, who has cerebral palsy, told how they bumped into Sir Alex Ferguson in Munich.

Graeme, 51, said: "He took time out to get his photograph taken with Zak. It made his day."

Friends Craig Douglas and Jamie Sinclair, from Scone in Perthshire, travelled first class to Cologne on the 185mph ICE train.

Jamie, 24, a gardener, said: "In Munich, I jumped on the wrong train and had to just wave to my mates on the platform as it pulled out of the station."

Ryan Carroll's Euros diary

AFTER the mayhem of Munich, stepping off the train in the city of Cologne seemed peaceful... almost tranquil – despite being busy with supporters from all around Europe.

Switzerland fans were sensibly milling about after beating Hungary in their opening group match in the city, and it did get me thinking how civilised everything was.

My mind started wandering, imagining the scenes if Scotland had just hammered one of our main competition for group qualification 3-1 in an opener.

It would be chaos. In contrast the Swiss were celebrating with a few Aperol spritz cocktails and some sparkling water.

A different world – but the scene at the Alter Markt in the city centre was how it should be, with Germans, Swiss, Hungarians, Scottish and English all getting along and engaging in friendly banter.

Cologne itself is a remarkable city, Germany's fourth biggest and home to 1.1million people, and the local council can be proud of their Euro 2024 preparation and organisation.

Unlike in Munich, as well as the official fan zone there are also a number of other designated fan viewing locations dotted around the city.

This should give ticketless Scots a few different options when it comes to watching our crucial match on Wednesday.

Back at the Alter Markt a big screen was showing live games, situated in the middle of the dozens of bars in the square.

Supporters aren't short of options here – and despite the cultured start to our trip in the city, there's no doubting the Tartan Army will bring back the noise ahead of our vital group match on Wednesday evening.

> " If we had just beaten a team 3-1 it would be chaos

INJURED Man was left bleeding as fighting broke out

But it's not too friendly over in Gelsenkirchen

BY **ANDY LINES**

THERE were violent clashes between England and Serbia supporters in Gelsenkirchen ahead of their Euro 2024 match in the city last night.

Dozens of riot police were scrambled to Weberstrasse following a fracas that saw pub furniture being hurled.

Witnesses said about 20 police vans attended with armed officers charging down the streets towards the nearby railway station.

England fans at the Post Hornchun pub continued their chants as the police surged by.

An English police source said the brawl was initiated by England fans who targeted Serbs, prompting a fierce retaliation.

An onlooker said: "It was a nasty but small fight. But it ended up with a chase before the police finally calmed it."

One England supporter was injured in the violence and was seen bleeding profusely from a head injury as he was escorted by medical staff but he refused to give his details to police. The fighting came hours after an incident in Hamburg in which police shot a man alleged to have been armed with an "axe-like object" and a "Molotov cocktail" just before the city's first match of the tournament between the Netherlands and Poland.

Police said he threatened officers close to the city's fan zone.

Hamburg police said: "A man came out of a locality around 12.30pm and threatened police forces with a pickaxe/axe-like object. He was asked by them to drop this item.

"He also threatened the police officers with a Molotov cocktail in his hand, which he did not drop despite being asked and continued to walk towards the officers.

"The police then used their service weapon and shot him in the leg. The man is currently receiving further care in a hospital."

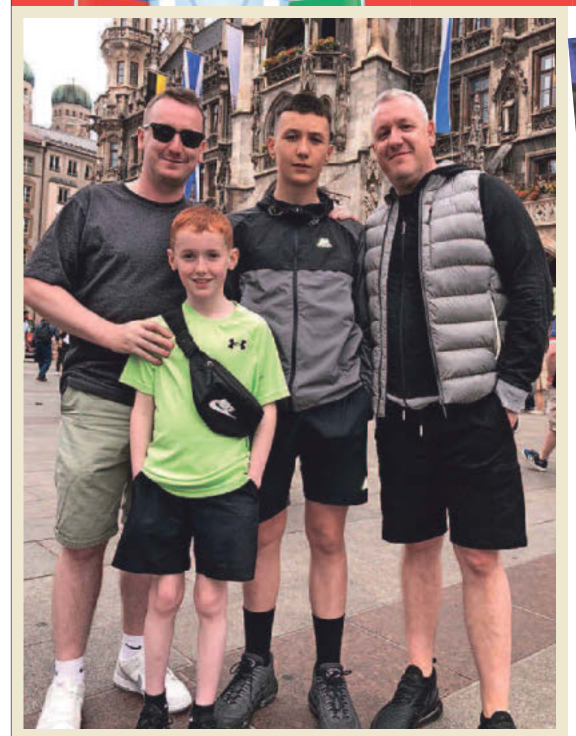
Hamburg police added: "A football connection cannot currently be determined, nor are there currently any insights into other motivations."



NO MESSING Serbian troublemaker is grabbed by police

DUNDEE LOOKS AFTER ITS OWN: PAGES 4&5

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GAME ON Mick and Chris Costello, Oscar and Shay

Dads defend letting kids miss school

BY PAUL DRURY

DEFIANT dads have defended their decision to take their kids out of school to follow Scotland in Germany.

They all said they did not want their offspring to miss out on what could be a rare appearance at a showpiece football tournament abroad.

It's thought thousands of Scottish pupils are in Germany, despite school summer holidays not beginning for another two weeks.

Shay Costello, 14, yesterday missed playing in a cup final for his side, Drumchapel United, and Mikey McCormack, 16, will turn up a week late for pre-season training at Kilmarnock FC's under-18s.

Shay's dad, Mick Costello, a 42-year-old service manager from Clydebank, said: "I had no reservations about bringing him to Germany.

"He has perfect attendance at school, he's never off. This is not something we were able to do before, as Scotland failed to qualify for so many big tournaments.

"I didn't want Shay to miss out like we did. It could be another 20 years before we get another bash at this."

Mick's brother, Chris, also took his son, Oscar, eight, out of school.

Chris, 33, an engineer from Renfrew, said:"We had no chance of doing anything like this as kids. Who knows when Scotland will be back on the main stage?"

Oscar, a pupil at St James's Primary in Renfrew, said: "My pals are jealous I came away."

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> MICK COSTELLO AT EUROS WITH SON

On a train, Craig McCormack, travelling with son Mikey to Cologne said: "I was 23 when Scotland played at France '98 and I didn't get to go.

"By the time we qualified again, I have become an old man!

"I did not want that to happen to Mikey so I brought him to the Euros.

"He's going back to school for the final week but he's mad he's missing the start of pre-season training at Kilmarnock's under-18s."

Scots education authorities operate different policies towards unauthorised absences but most are happy to leave the decision to parents.

SMASH The fans' rental Citroen and the destroyed Mercedes

DUNDEE LOOKS AFTER ITS OWN

Gary thanks Tartan Army as he awaits op decision after horror crash as mum says she won't come home without injured son

BY EVE BEATTIE

A SCOTLAND fan who suffered a broken back in a horror crash in Germany has thanked the Tartan Army for rallying to help him.

Gary Ellis, from Dundee, flew to the Euros with four pals when they were involved in the smash near Weeze airport close to the Dutch border in their hire car.

A fundraiser was set up by close friend Graham Pert to help Gary's family rush to his bedside.

And last night Gary thanked fans, friends and family for their help.

He said: "Thanks everyone for all the messages and Graham for setting this up for me and my family. Hopefully I will get back to Dundee soon."

Almost 200 people donated to the fundraiser, which was last night sitting at £7300.

His mum, Mandy Coleman, said: "Words fail to describe how overwhelmed we are with all the love and support we are receiving for Gary. As you know he's still in hospital in Germany and awaiting surgery. We will be at his bedside and won't be coming home without him.

"Dundee really does look after its own."

The 23-year-old was a passenger in a rental Citroen C3 which collided with an S-class Mercedes outside Weeze Airport just after midnight on Friday.

German police said the Scots' car was in the "wrong lane" after the rental car was driven towards oncoming traffic when they left the airport.

Yesterday it emerged that front seat passenger Gary had suffered a broken back in the crash and was in hospital alongside the 25-year-old driver of the car, who also suffered serious injuries.

Gary's family have flown out to be at his bedside as he continues to receive treatment.

Graham set up the GoFundMe page to raise £10,000 to cover Gary's medical bills and help pay his transport home.

He told the Record: "Doctors are trying to decide if they need to operate on him here or if he can fly back to Scotland for treatment.

"His mum Mandy, and dad Gary have flown out today.

"They are a lovely family who would be willing to help anyone.

"Gary is a really genuine guy. He's got a heart like his mum, Mandy. She is always doing charity work and helping people.

"It has been really hard going for the family.

"They have insurance but everything needs to come out of their pocket up front first.

"I wanted to take the stress off the family."

Asking for donations on the GoFundMe page, Graham said: "All funds will go to help take the stress off Gary's family and his girlfriend Kiera along with helping Gary on his recovery when he lands back home, as recovery for him may take some time."

Four ambulances were called

HURT Gary Ellis's dream trip to the Euros ended in horror. Below, emergency services at wreckage

to the scene in the early hours of Friday. Pictures showed suitcases and Scotland flags being pulled from the wreckage and men standing in kilts could be seen behind the vehicles.

Three other Scots, all 23, who were passengers in the rental car, suffered minor injuries.

The driver of the Mercedes, a 45-year-old German national, also suffered minor injuries.

A German police spokesperson told the Record: "The five men were a group of friends who had travelled to Germany for Uefa Euro 2024.

"On the way from the terminal towards the exit, the man from Scotland drove in the lane for oncoming traffic.

"This resulted in a head-on collision with a Mercedes Benz S-Class driven by a 45-year-old man from Dusseldorf, who was travelling towards the terminal."

They added: "Based on the investigations as part of the accident report, it is suspected that the Scottish driver used the wrong lane due to the left-hand traffic in his home country.

"All of the people were taken to various hospitals in the region by the emergency services.

"The Citroen was seized to protect the property."

● If you would like to help Gary and his family visit gofundme.com/f/support-for-gary-ellis-after-his-horrific-travels-to-germany

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> **GRAHAM PERT** FRIEND WHO SET UP FUNDRAISER

Supporters pipe up for bride & groom

BY **JACKIE GRANT**

A NEWLYWED German couple received a big surprise when they stepped out of Munich Town Hall after their ceremony.

The pair got a shock when they were greeted by hundreds of Scotland fans.

The couple were cheered by the Tartan Army before being serenaded by a Scots piper playing Mairi's Wedding.

The bride can be seen dancing along to the tune while the groom punches the air in delight in a video posted by Germany's Gong Radio Station.

Members of their wedding party clapped and chanted along with the Scotland fans.

The heart-warming scenes have been viewed thousands of times with comments suggesting the fans gave the pair a "day to remember".

One said: "Imagine coming out of the church on your wedding day to this."

Myra Lockie wrote: "Well done that piper. I'm sure you made their day even more special."

Lynne Galbraith added: "Fabulous, and the bride having a wee dance."

Fiona Ross said it "makes you proud to be Scottish".

SURPRISE For newlyweds



FRIENDLY Our supporters

Germans now fans of Scots

BY **PAUL DRURY**

GERMAN newspapers and TV stations have lavished praise on the party created by the Tartan Army.

The popular top-selling newspaper Bild carried the headline: "Thirsty Scots Drink Munich Dry!"

The broadcaster NTV said yesterday: "The Scots rock Munich. They have made so many friends in Germany. They are like brothers now."

Munich businessman Andreas Kramer said the city had never seen such a great football invasion.

The 47-year-old, from Lower Bavaria, said: "Lots of football teams have visited Munich over the years but the city has never seen anything like this.

"We have seen Scots and German fans swapping strips and hats. It's got very confusing because guys in Scotland tops are speaking fluent German and those wearing Germany colours are speaking English.

"This is the big difference with the Tartan Army and other fans. There is none of the aggression we see during other visits. They are still friendly when they are drunk, which is not always the case with supporters."

WOMAN 'KICKED' BY TRIO

THREE Scotland fans were arrested and fined over an assault on a Munich woman watching last Friday's game with Germany at a fan park.

Munich police said the trio, who all provided addresses in Northern Ireland, had been released after paying a financial penalty.

However, the incident is now being investigated by the city's criminal police and may result in further action.

The woman claimed she had been kicked in the incident.



Munich was a sea of Scottish optimism but there's none of that around this election..

Starmer is suffocating any sense of enthusiasm. His status quo won't deliver real change

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STEPHEN FLYNN

LEADER OF THE SNP IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

ALWAYS travel more in hope than in expectation, that's a lesson you learn early when you sign up to the Tartan Army.

And it's that spirit that best explains why some 200,000 Scots flooded on to the streets of Munich last Friday.

Those German streets, which I was lucky enough to take a campaign detour to enjoy, were a sea of Scottish optimism.

Thousands upon thousands of happy fans back in Europe, where we belong. True, we lost the match and lost it badly, but we still stole the show.

And it's far from over, we still hope even if we don't expect. We go into Wednesday's match with Switzerland full of hope because we have no other choice. No Scotland, no party. No hope, no point.

Travelling in hope rather than expectation applies to politics too, or at least it's supposed to. With less than three weeks to go though, it's fair to say this Westminster election hasn't exactly seen a wave of optimism. And there's a worrying reason for that.

Because the strange thing about this election is that we already know who is going to end up sitting in Downing Street – and no prizes for guessing that it ain't Rishi Sunak.

The fact that the Tories are well and truly finished should be a moment of real positivity.

After 14 years, after all the damage they have done, we are about to get rid of them – Cameron, Johnson, Truss and Sunak - in just 17 days' time.

But the other strange thing about this election is that the crippling caution of Sir Keir Starmer is suffocating any sense of enthusiasm.

Starmer's status quo, his choice to change the guard but not to change course, won't deliver real change. The consequence of Starmer's caution means more spending cuts, more Brexit and more of the same.

For Scotland, there is a better alternative to that Westminster consensus.

This week, the SNP will launch our manifesto which will have optimism at its heart.

It will be a plan to finally end austerity for our public services, escape Brexit and invest in the green gold rush to net zero.

We will make the case that decisions about our future should be made in Scotland, for Scotland.

It will also be a plan to put Scotland's interests first and this campaign is proof of why that is needed more than ever.

The last few weeks have exposed the conspiracy of silence between the Tories and the Labour Party on the billions of Westminster cuts they have both signed up to – which the Institute for Fiscal Studies estimates will be at least £18billion.

Today the SNP is publishing new analysis which outlines the scale of the threat those cuts would pose to our public services. A proportionate share of those Westminster cuts would amount to £1.45billion for Scotland's public services.

So, what do those massive sums mean in real terms – £1.45billion would be the equivalent to NHS Scotland of losing one in six members of staff, including porters, midwives, nurses, doctors and paramedics.

Outwith the NHS, £1.45billion would

LEADER WANTS VOTERS TO KEEP FAITH



DOWN TIME First Minister John Swinney meets Josh McKenzie and his brother Sonny, from Coatbridge, at the fan park in Munich. Pic: Ross Turpie

be the equivalent cost of providing free university tuition, free bus travel for all who are currently entitled to it, the Education Maintenance Allowance, the Baby Box and a range of interventions that mitigate against UK Government welfare cuts and underfunding – like the bedroom tax.

That is the threat Sir Keir Starmer's Labour Party are signed up to and those are the cuts they are trying to hide – austerity on steroids. The only guarantee that can be given is that every single SNP MP elected will do everything in their power to stop Starmer's cuts.

And the closer we get to polling day, the greater the desire for an alternative to the Westminster status quo.

On re-entering the European single market, on investment in public services, on the race to net zero, SNP MPs will offer that positive alternative.

We will be the only major party with a truly left-of-centre manifesto. We won't give in to a Westminster status quo designed and delivered by the Conservatives. Now the Tories are done, it's not a time for the caution Starmer is clinging to. It has to be a moment to deliver real change.

That positive agenda, to put Scotland's interests first, is why momentum is with the SNP once again. Between now and polling day we will continue to provide an optimistic alternative for Scotland's future, versus the continuing despair being offered by Westminster.

Because Scotland is always far better off when we travel in hope. For the Tartan Army, that hope begins again this Wednesday. For all of Scotland, that hope will lead us out of broken, Brexit Britain and back into the European Union, where we belong.

> Now the Tories are done, it's not a time for the caution of Keir Starmer
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> **STEPHEN FLYNN** SNP MP

SERIOUS CHOICE Starmer, left, and above, Flynn and Swinney in Munich

Better days are coming for Scotland

BY ANAS SARWAR
SCOTTISH LABOUR LEADER

ON JULY 4, Scotland faces a stark choice – more chaos, misery and decline with the Tories or a decade of national renewal with Labour.

Last week Labour published its UK manifesto setting out the first steps we will take on the journey to change and renew our country after 14 years of Tory failure.

It sets out the difference a Labour government will make for people right across the country – from higher pay to lower bills to more opportunities.

And at the heart of Labour's manifesto is a pledge to restore economic stability and growth.

A strong economy is the foundation of our plans to build a fairer, more prosperous, Scotland – because this cannot be as good as it gets.

Tory economic chaos has caused misery for thousands of Scots – but with Labour, people across Scotland will have a government that is on their side.

We will end Tory austerity and boost funding for public services.

But instead of forcing working people to foot the bill, our policies will be funded by a windfall tax on the eye-watering profits of oil and gas giants, an end to tax breaks for private schools, action on tax dodgers, and by closing non-dom tax loopholes for the super-rich.

Meanwhile, the SNP continues to double down on its position that we should hike nurses' taxes while lowering taxes for massive energy multinationals and private schools.

Our New Deal for Working People will give hundreds of thousands of Scots a pay rise, end fire and rehire, ban zero-hour contracts and strengthen day-one rights for workers.

Our plans for a publicly-owned GB Energy company, based here in Scotland, will cut bills, create 69,000 green jobs and unleash Scotland's potential as a clean energy superpower.

By boosting pay and cutting bills, we can tackle the scourge of poverty at its root. We will invest in public services and provide millions more for Scotland's NHS so we can finally drive down scandalous waiting lists.

Our plans would deliver an extra 160,000 appointments every single year so that Scots are no longer forced to make the impossible choice between suffering on a waiting list or spending savings to go private.

We will create jobs, support first-time buyers and deliver a pay rise for the young people so badly betrayed by the Tories.

We will maximise Scotland's influence in government and across the globe, with a Scotland Office focused on the issues that matter to you.

Labour will turbocharge the Scotland Office so it can deliver for us all, bolstered by millions of pounds of funding designed to invest in Scotland and tackle poverty, and we will strengthen and reset devolution so that it delivers for Scotland once again.

This is an opportunity for change that we cannot afford to miss. But it is just the first part of our journey to renew our country.

To deliver the change that Scotland needs, we need change at Holyrood too – because 17 years of SNP failure has left every single institution in Scotland weaker.

This week Scottish Labour will publish our manifesto, which will set out in more detail what Labour's plans mean in Scotland.

But it will also chart a path to the 2026 Scottish Parliament election and show how Scottish Labour would use the devolved powers we already have here in Scotland to change our country.

Too often the SNP has failed to make use of the opportunities of devolution, preferring to talk about what it can't do.

After 17 years in government, the SNP cannot dodge responsibility for its record.

Health is fully devolved and right now almost one in six Scots are stuck on an NHS waiting list.

It was the SNP that decided to gut its affordable housing budget in the midst of a housing crisis, inflicting a cut five times larger than the Tory cut to the Scottish Government's capital budget.

Scotland has been failed by two incompetent governments – and Labour can deliver change in both Westminster and Holyrood.

After 14 long years, we now have a chance to boot out this chaotic and dysfunctional Tory government, which has inflicted austerity on working people and trashed standards in public life.

But the next step must be a new government in Holyrood – one that is relentlessly focused on the issues that matter to you.

This is not as good as it gets. Change is possible, and this week Scottish Labour will set out a plan to deliver it, using powers at every level of government.

We can kickstart a decade of national renewal and elect a Labour government on your side, with Scotland's voice at its heart.

We can restore integrity in politics and end Tory and SNP scandal and sleaze. Together, we have an opportunity to deliver the change that our country needs.

On the 5th of July, either Labour or the Tories will form the next government – let's make sure it's Labour.

SNP 'BACKING OFF' FROM INDY: PAGES 8&9

RECORD VIEW

Struggling kids a source of shame

THE number of children who grow up in poverty in Scotland should be a source of deep shame.

Too many families struggle to afford a reasonable place to live while also feeding and clothing their kids.

The consequences for youngsters can be devastating. Children growing up in the poorest households should not have to expect a lifetime of struggle.

The fact one in three kids has their upbringing blighted by poverty should be a major subject of debate during this General Election campaign.

And yet Scotland's largest children's charity has felt the need to share its deep disappointment with what all the major parties have said so far on the matter.

Aberlour warns the issue has slipped down the table of priorities for politicians.

There is no single reason for stubbornly high child poverty rates but there are a few obvious contributing factors.

The UK has been a low wage economy for too long. Too many people work hard and yet still struggle to pay their bills.

There is no easy fix to this.

But poverty rates can only be reduced by determined political will.

All eyes will turn to an incoming Labour government to show leadership on this issue.

But all major parties must be putting forward solutions during this General Election campaign.

Child poverty cannot be an issue the well-off in society can choose to ignore.

It's in all our interests to create a society that gives everyone a good start in life, not just the privileged few.

Army of peace

THE German media have reacted with disbelief to the peaceful partying of the Tartan Army.

In Munich and now in Cologne the locals have been pleasantly surprised that 200,000 football fans can gather in one place without a hint of violence.

Indeed, broadcaster NTV said many Germans now considered the Scots "brothers" thanks to our supporters' impeccable conduct.

Even fans of the Auld Enemy were greeted like brothers when they bumped into the Scottish support yesterday in Cologne.

That's a stark contrast to the scenes in nearby Gelsenkirchen, where England and Serbian supporters clashed violently.

The Scotland fans deserve great credit for how they have conducted themselves.

They have partied hard, for sure. But it has never spilled over into hatred, violence and bitterness.

The Scotland fans represent the best of what international sport can achieve – bringing people from different countries together in a spirit of friendship.

No matter what happens on the pitch, the Tartan Army showed themselves, yet again, to be world class.

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ELECTION 2024 ACTOR

I'm worried that SNP has backed off from indy

BY CHRIS McCALL

HOLLYWOOD star Brian Cox has hit out at the SNP, claiming the party has "backed off" from Scottish independence during the general election campaign.

The Succession actor said it was "something that worries me" as the party prepares to launch its manifesto this week.

John Swinney has previously insisted independence will be mentioned on "page one, line one" of the policy plan.

Dundonian Cox – who achieved global fame playing business mogul Logan Roy – is a long-term supporter of Scotland leaving the Union and is also a fierce critic of Brexit.

The star, 78, used a BBC interview yesterday to claim the decision to leave the European Union and the economic consequences was "this demon we don't talk about".

But he also raised fears the SNP could water down their commitment to delivering their No1 objective.

Asked if he was looking forward to the launch of the SNP's manifesto, Cox said: "I'm not quite sure what's going to happen... as Plaid Cymru have done, it could be backing away from the notion of independence."

Asked if he thought the party had backed off, he added: "They have backed off. I don't know if Scotland (has) backed off but I think that it's something that worries me, because I still believe in independence."

> We voted to stay in Europe and we lost out
>
> BRIAN COX ON BREXIT REFERENDUM RESULT

Cox, whose main home is now New York, added: "I do believe in independence but I don't believe we shouldn't be part of these islands. I do believe we need a new kind of system.

"I don't believe in a United Kingdom, I believe we should have a sort of united federation of these islands, where each country should be independent but come together, instead of things being dictated, as we find in Scotland, on our behalf.

"The fact is we voted 62 per cent to stay in Europe, and we lost out completely, so we had no voice there."

Cox also blamed Brexit for the decline in services. He said: "My main thing is there's still this demon we don't talk about, which is Brexit and why we are so broke."

He pointed to research which suggested the UK economy had grown five per cent less since the Brexit vote.

He added: "It seems to me that we are still suffering from that, and we've not done anything about it. So when we talk about other things, we can't really talk about where we are, as we are suffering from Brexit." He called the other manifestos the "same old, same old" and added: "My feeling is just we need to get rid of the present government. That's the most important thing as far as I'm concerned.

"I'm not getting a sense of what's what and who's who; I'm getting a sense of who's against... but I'm not getting enough of where we're supposed to be going, particularly in relationship to poverty, particularly in relationship to the care of the working class, and I feel the working class (has been) a systematic sidestep for a very, very long time."

It comes as Tony Blair said devolution kept Scotland in the UK. He was PM when legislation was passed to establish the Scottish Parliament after a referendum in 1997. He said: "I do reflect on devolution a lot, and occasionally do think what should we or could we have done differently.

"But, on the whole, I'm still of the same opinion as I was back then – which is that devolution had to happen, otherwise you'd leave Scottish people with the choice of status quo or independence. And Scotland is still part of the UK, which was part of the design – so devolution has worked, as far as I am concerned."

An SNP spokesman said: "As the largest political party – and pro-independence party – in Scotland, the SNP will continue delivering for people across the country and making the case for a better Scotland with independence."



FEARS Cox, right, and with Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham & ex-Tory MP Nadine Dorries

CALL TO TACKLE CHILD POVERTY

DISAPPOINTED SallyAnn Kelly

SCOTLAND'S biggest kids charity has said it is "deeply disappointed" at all political parties for failing to offer meaningful plans to tackle child poverty.

Aberlour said politicians had failed to realise the scale of the problem affecting one in four kids north of the Border, and one in three across the UK.

SallyAnn Kelly, the charity's chief executive, spoke out ahead of a hustings event in Glasgow tonight.

She said: "Watching this general election campaign unfold, you wouldn't know we had a child poverty crisis.

"It has barely registered as an issue worth discussing by the main political parties and that is deeply disappointing.

"Tackling child poverty is the first and most important thing any government must do if it wants to create a fairer and more equal society."

SPEAKS OUT ON UK AND 'BREXIT DEMON'

VISIT Swinney, above, with activists on Keith and Dufftown heritage railway

Swinney hits out at Ross run

BY NEIL POORAN

DOUGLAS Ross's decision to stand to be an MP has left a "bad taste" in the north-east Scotland constituency where he is running, First Minister John Swinney has said.

The Scottish Conservative leader put himself forward as candidate for Aberdeenshire North and Moray East after David Duguid was told by the party's management board that he could not stand due to his ill health.

Ross said he would step down as leader shortly afterwards, when his colleagues expressed unhappiness at the move.

Boundary changes mean Aberdeenshire North and Moray East is being contested for the first time but the majority of the constituency was in Banff and Buchan, previously represented by Duguid.

Swinney was yesterday campaigning in Keith, Moray, alongside SNP candidate Seamus Logan.

He said: "Aberdeenshire North and Moray East is a key seat for the Scottish National Party.

"It's obviously the seat where the sitting Conservative MP has been ousted by Douglas Ross and I think that leaves a really bad taste in the mouths of people in this constituency.

"I'm keen to make sure that people elect Seamus Logan as a strong advocate of this community for the SNP – who will go to the House of Commons and put the interests of Scotland first."

He repeated his claims that both the Conservatives and Labour are in a "conspiracy of silence" about the scale of public spending cuts to come.

A recent analysis by the Nuffield Trust "vindicated" the SNP's warnings about the risk to NHS spending, Swinney said.

The SNP manifesto is due to be launched later this week, with the First Minister saying earlier that independence will "proudly sit on page one, line one" of the document.

He said the manifesto will offer people in Scotland a "real vision of hope", in contrast to the "continuing despair" being offered by Westminster.

A Scottish Conservative spokesman said: "Douglas is fully focused on winning the Aberdeenshire North and Moray East seat on July 4.

"Like other key seats across Scotland, only the Scottish Conservatives can beat the SNP here, end their independence obsession for good and ensure the focus moves on to local people's real priorities."

NUKE BLAST AT FM

JOHN Swinney's opposition to nuclear power is "anti-science", the trade body representing the civil nuclear industry has said.

Tom Greatrex, chief executive of the Nuclear Industry Association, added the First Minister's stance is "hopelessly ideological" and will cost billions in investment.

He added: "United Nations analysis says nuclear is green, with the lowest carbon footprint, land use and ecosystem impact of any electricity technology.

The SNP has a longstanding opposition to nuclear power, with Swinney recently telling MSPs he is "not a fan of the nuclear industry" and that his government instead supports investment in "the renewable energy potential in Scotland".



No suite dreams

JOHN Swinney will be campaigning in Stornoway today.

His team will be planning a smoother trip than one endured by a staff member of another party.

They had returned to their hotel room to discover two workmen asleep.

The pair had blagged their way past reception after claiming they had a reservation. The staffer was offered the bridal suite instead.

Stamp of disapproval


ANTICS Ed Davey

LIB Dem leader Ed Davey has spent the election campaign so far enjoying a range of promotional stunts including paddleboarding or drumming.

But not everyone is impressed with the former Post Office minister's antics. One sub-postmaster, a victim of the Horizon scandal, described Davey as "Boris-esque".

Cox's 'bad apple'

BRIAN Cox has played many villains in his career – and in a BBC interview yesterday he suggested he'd spotted one. He branded Reform UK leader Nigel Farage "slightly fascist, quite frankly".


VILLAIN In Succession



RACHEL REEVES
LIKELY next chancellor Rachel Reeves began a week-long campaign on the economy as she seeks to boost jobs.



NIGEL FARAGE
NIGEL Farage was on the end of a Brian Cox put-down, worthy of Succession patriarch Logan Roy.

Quote of the day

"I don't particularly like the buffoonery, I find it very Boris-esque and I don't think there's any need for it

– FORMER SUB-POSTMASTER LEE CASTLETON ON LIB DEM LEADER ED DAVEY

HAMMERHEAD ALARM AT RESORT

THERE'S SOME FIN SCARY IN THE WATER

SAFE ON THE SHORE A man and a child look on from beach

BIG TROUBLE Hammerheads can grow to up to 20ft long

WAVE OF PANIC Young bathers screamed as shark was sighted

Gran Canaria beach closed as holidaymakers spot giant shark just yards from the shoreline

BY **NATALIA PENZA**



UNWELCOME GUEST Shark seen thrashing in sea

A GRAN Canaria beach has been closed to swimmers after a seven-foot shark terrified locals and holidaymakers.

Young girls could be heard screaming as the fish approached the shoreline at speed with its tell-tale fin sticking out of the water.

The alarm was raised on Melenara Beach on the island's east coast at 5pm on Saturday. Police attended as lifeguards cleared the sea and the red flag was hoisted.

Footage from the scene showed youngsters running for safety as the shark swam towards the shore before turning back at the last minute after thrashing around.

Another man was pictured with a child in his arms watching from the safety of the sand.

A council spokesman for Telde Council, the municipality Melenara Beach falls under, said: "It's important people stay calm and follow the instructions of the lifeguards and the authorities." A young girl who was in the water when the shark appeared told a TV station: "The lifeguard started blowing his whistle and indicating everyone should get out of the water and I looked round and saw its fin."

A friend added: "We saw the fin which was about seven inches out of the water and we began to move as fast as we could back towards the beach."

A search for the shark using jet skis failed to locate it.

The shark has been identified locally as a hammerhead shark which can grow up to 20 feet in length and weigh up to 1000lb, although smaller sizes are more common.

Most hammerhead species are considered no danger to humans and few attacks have been recorded but they are aggressive hunters and their size and fierceness make them potentially harmful.

Last month tourists and locals were banned from going into the sea following a shark sighting off a Menorcan beach.

Coastguards hoisted the red flag and called the Spanish equivalent of 999 after the tell-tale fin of a seven-foot blue shark, or tinterora, was seen above the water line.

The alarm was raised around 3.30pm on May 6 at the popular beach of Arenal d'en Castell. Blue sharks rarely bite humans but have been implicated in several biting incidents, four of which are said to have ended fatally.

A blue shark was blamed for an attack on a holidaymaker in Elche near Alicante in July 2016.

The 40-year-old victim was rushed to hospital and given stitches to a wound in his hand.

First aiders described the bite as "large" and said he had come out of the sea with blood streaming from the injury.

In June last year a fully grown blue shark measuring some seven feet caused panic off the Costa Blanca beach of Aguamarina in Orihuela Costa south of Alicante.

Bathers were filmed trying to run to safety through waist-high water as it neared the shoreline. It washed up dead the next day.

Shark sightings are not common in the Canary Islands.

Mass tourism protesters occupy world-famous cove

HUNDREDS of campaigners yesterday took over a picture postcard cove in Mallorca made world famous by influencer Instagrammers in the latest Spanish anti-mass tourism protest.

Islanders kept their promise to "reclaim" stunning Calo des Moro from foreign tourists by taking up every inch of space on the 98-foot wide stretch of sand with their beach towels at 8am.

The protest went ahead, despite attempts by local mayoress Maria Pons to get organisers Mallorca Platja Tour to think again.

She said last week the south coast cove, which locals avoid for months of the year when it is a tourist hot spot, had become an "obsession".

Platform Mallorca Platja Tour said as its protest began: "For one day Calo des Moro will belong to the Mallorcans."

She added: "If we carry on the way we are there won't be a cove any more because of the erosion that's been caused. As a tourist municipality the town hall leaders are conscious its wealth comes from visitors.

"But what Calo des Moro needs is that people, including the media, forget about it for the season."



TOWEL DEMO Calo des Moro takeover


ANGRY Itamar Ben Gvir

Israeli army vows to halt fighting daily to boost aid

BY **MARTIN FRICKER**

ISRAEL'S army has said it will halt military action along a humanitarian corridor in Gaza for an hour every day so more aid can get in.

But the authorities insisted there would be no ceasefire and that combat would continue in the embattled city of Rafah.

The pauses between 7pm and 8pm will cover a seven-mile route that leads northwards from the Kerem Shalom crossing.

Israel has been under pressure from its allies to prevent the humanitarian crisis in Gaza worsening.

Aid agency ActionAid said it was getting a "confused" picture, and a spokesman told the BBC they needed more details about the logistics.

The pauses have been welcomed by the UN.

But Israeli media said prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu had not been made aware of the plans. His office said he had told his military secretary the idea was "unacceptable".

Far-right national security minister Itamar Ben Gvir said the decision on the pauses had been made by a "fool" who was "evil".

Ukraine fight drones spark terrorist fear

DRONES used on Ukraine's battlefields could soon be in the hands of terrorists hitting British targets.

Security experts say European security services are being poorly advised on the growing threat.

First-person view (FPV) drones, which let the user see what the drone sees in real time, and unmanned aerial vehicle drones could be used for terror attacks.

A Ukrainian source working with frontline teams said a person armed with an FPV drone "could easily target critical infrastructure".

The source said there were indications this type of attack, from a group such as al-Qaeda, was highly likely in Britain.

We love you, Papa

Sweet snap of royals for Father's Day

LOVING FAMILY William and children on the beach

DUTIES Kate was back for big event

princeandprincessofwales We love you, Papa. Happy Father's Day 💕 G, C & L

SMILES On Palace balcony, Saturday

THANKS Will, Kate and kids wave to crowds

ON BALL Charles & William in 1984

BY **RUSSELL MYERS**

PRINCE William's three children wished him a happy Father's Day in their first post on social media.

A new photograph shows the Prince of Wales standing on a beach with Prince George, 10, Princess Charlotte, nine, and five-year-old Prince Louis.

The image taken by the Princess of Wales was uploaded yesterday, with a personalised message from the three youngsters, saying: "We love you, Papa. Happy Father's Day."

Kensington Palace said Kate's picture of William and their children, who all played starring roles at the King's birthday celebrations in London on Saturday, was taken on the Norfolk coastline last month.

William, 41, shared a photo of him playing football with the King in the gardens of Kensington Palace.

The sweet snap, taken on June 12, 1984, days before his second birthday, shows Charles dressed in a suit and shiny leather loafers and the young prince in light blue dungarees. William wrote: "Happy Father's Day, Pa".

Later that same year William would gain a younger brother, with Prince Harry born in September.

The Princess of Wales made her first public appearance since Christmas Day at the Trooping the Colour ceremony on Saturday.

Kate, 42, who has been undergoing treatment for cancer, waved to the watching crowds with her husband and children on the Buckingham Palace balcony.

With the King also suffering from cancer, it was a rare joint public outing for the entire family after a period of uncertainty.

THAT COSTS POO MUCH

£100,000 DNA dog fouling scheme is binned

BY **IAN SWANSON**

A COUNCIL has ruled out a £100,000 scheme to catch fouling dogs' owners which would involve shipping poo to the US to catalogue the pet's DNA.

The idea was suggested after Edinburgh was last year named the UK's worst for dog fouling.

Edinburgh City Council considered using the only UK dog DNA database, known as PooPrints, but concluded it would not be cost effective.

Transport and environment convener Scott Arthur said: "A fine for dog fouling must be issued within seven days. PooPrints is based in Knoxville, Tennessee, so we would have to post the poo to America – and I'm not even sure about the legalities of that – at the cost of £100 per sample for testing, and then hope that we got the result within seven days in order to issue an £80 fine."

Councils have no powers to require people to register their dogs – leading to questions about whether the owners would be found. A report to the council's transport and environment committee on June 20 estimates using PooPrints for dog DNA sampling would cost about £100,000 and added it does not "appear practicable".

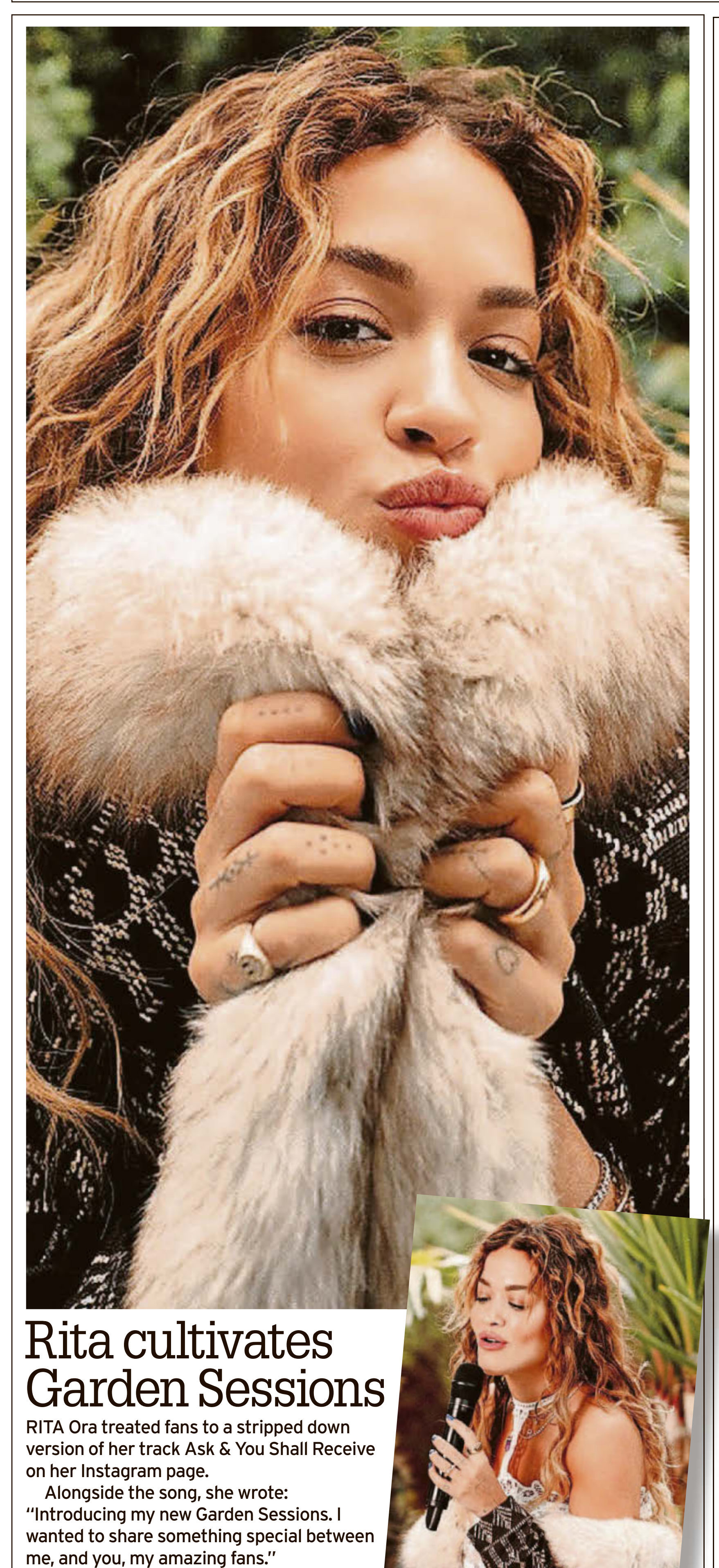
Instead, the report said: "Currently, the most effective means of tackling dog fouling at source is through the street enforcement team and targeted communications campaigns."

Street enforcement officers can only issue fines if they witness the offence or get a statement from someone else who witnessed it. Arthur said: "It's right that we looked at the DNA suggestion but it's just not viable at this point in time.

"We need to reassure the public the council is working with existing powers and resources to tackle the problem."



POWERS Scott Arthur



Rita cultivates Garden Sessions

RITA Ora treated fans to a stripped down version of her track Ask & You Shall Receive on her Instagram page.

Alongside the song, she wrote: "Introducing my new Garden Sessions. I wanted to share something special between me, and you, my amazing fans."

Big Issue's Mencap focus

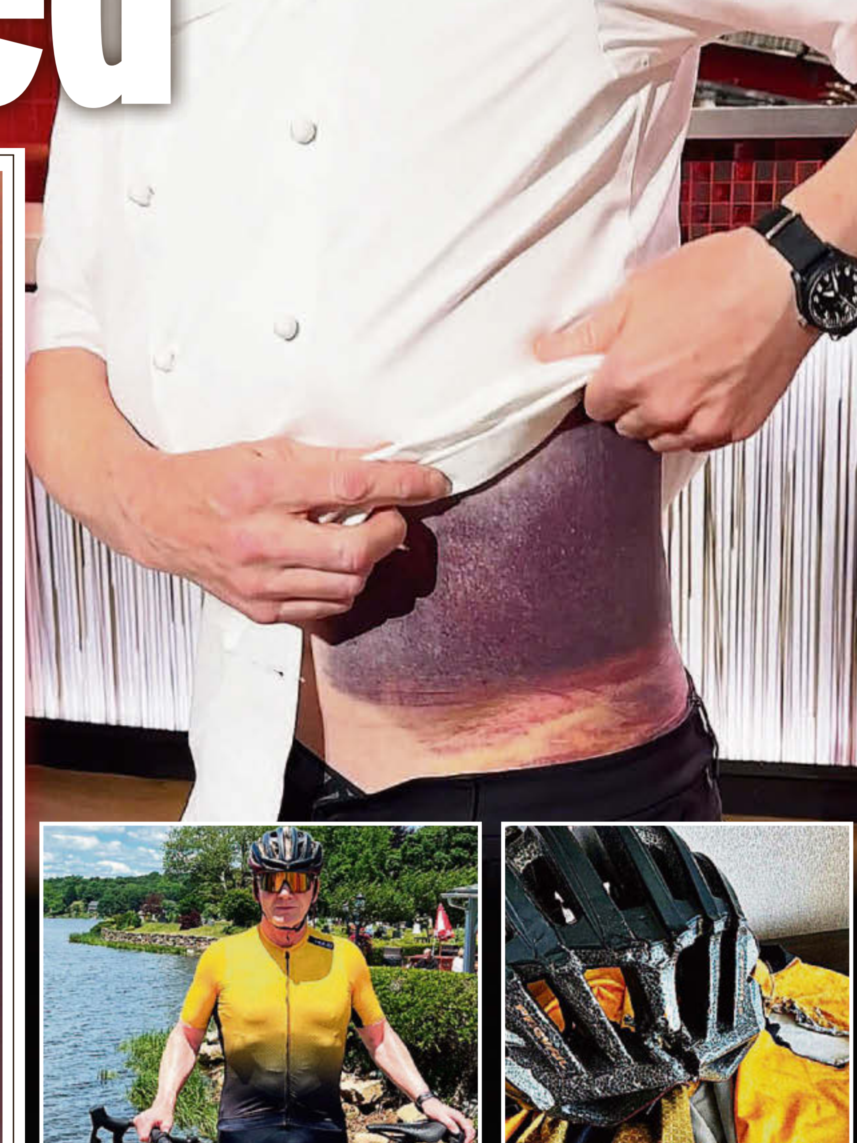
THE Big Issue has joined forces with charity Mencap for an issue produced entirely by people with learning disabilities.

Featuring contributions from the likes of CBeebies presenter George Webster and swimmer Jessica-Jane Applegate, the magazine is timed to coincide with Learning Disability Week.

Editor Paul McNamee said: "It's not about paying lip-service but rather wholeheartedly allowing a platform and offering assistance if needed."



Battered & bruised



PURPLE PAIN... Chef lifts whites to show bruise

Before

After

Gordon Ramsay horror bike crash

BY **ASHLEIGH RAINBIRD**

GORDON Ramsay shows off a horrendous bruise he suffered in a bicycle accident that he says could have killed him.

The Johnstone-born star, 57, shared a video in which he lifted his chef's whites to reveal an immense purple patch on his torso, adding that his cycle helmet had saved his life in the crash.

He said: "Unfortunately, I had a really bad accident and it really shook me and honestly I'm lucky to be here."

In a plea to fellow cyclists, he added: "Honestly, you've got to wear helmets. I don't care how short the journey is. These helmets cost money but they're crucial.

"Even with a kid's short journey, they've got to wear a helmet now. I'm lucky to be standing here. I'm in pain. It has been a brutal week. And I'm sort of getting through it."

Gordon, who regularly takes part in triathlons and iron man races, was injured last week, on a bike ride in Connecticut, in the US.

Pictures of before and after the accident illustrated how his helmet took the brunt of the head impact.

After treatment at the Lawrence and Memorial Hospital in New London, Connecticut, he lavished praise on the medical staff there.

He said in the video: "Those incredible trauma surgeons, doctors, nurses in the hospitals looked after me this week, they were amazing."

Gordon did not reveal the exact circumstances of the crash or say whether another vehicle was involved.

SMASH Aaron McPherson

Teen dies in hospital after e-bike crash

BY **EVE BEATTOE**

A TEENAGER has died after a crash involving an electric bike and a car.

Police were called to a collision on Portal Road in Grangemouth at 11.45pm on Thursday, May 30.

The 17-year-old rider of the e-bike was taken to hospital, where he died on Saturday.

He has been named as local teenager Aaron McPherson.

A 17-year-old male has been charged in connection with the incident. He appeared at Falkirk Sheriff Court last Tuesday.

A second man, aged 18, was also arrested in connection with the incident and has been released pending further inquiry.

Police appealed for witnesses.

AMPUTEE'S 26-MILE PERU CHALLENGE

Trail blazer



TAKING IT IN HER STRIDE Cor Hutton

BY **NICK FORBES**

A QUADRUPLE amputee who was the first Scot to receive a double hand transplant is set to tackle the 26-mile Inca Trail in Peru.

Cor Hutton was given a five per cent chance of survival when she developed a life-threatening bout of sepsis in 2013, stemming from an everyday cough.

The 54-year-old mum, from Renfrewshire, survived the illness but doctors were forced to amputate her hands, and her legs below the knee.

Since her recovery, Cor has set up the award-winning Finding Your Feet amputee charity and taken on a number of fundraising challenges, including becoming the first female quadruple amputee to climb Mount Kilimanjaro.

She was made an MBE last year.

She now has her sights set on the Inca Trail in the Peruvian Andes.

She said: "**Machu Picchu was on my bucket list before my hands and legs were amputated.**

"Now it's not only a goal but a chance to prove that me and people like me can conquer what they set out to. Climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in 2019 was a reality check.

"Having two prosthetic legs doesn't only affect balance but I'll have painful blisters and bruises a couple of days in.

"I had a part of my lung removed years ago after the sepsis, so I'm not looking forward to the altitude again but we have an amazing team and great guides."

AIMING HIGH Cor will tackle Inca Trail

Her four-day trek includes three summits and altitudes up to 13,800ft above sea level. It will end in Machu Picchu.

Cor added: "I'm under no illusions that this will be one of the toughest challenges I've taken on in years.

"I'm looking forward to testing out my new hands on a proper trek, and always carry my donor's memory with me on these adventures.

"Our amputee charity has been going for 10 years now, so it only felt right to mark the occasion with something huge like this. If I can raise money and awareness on the way then it will all be worth it."

> **If I can raise money and awareness it will all be worth it** COR HUTTON

Four jackpot wins for OAP

A GRANDAD won four lotto jackpots in a single game with numbers used by his late wife.

Army veteran Malcolm Blanche, 72, initially scooped £66,666 on the People's Postcode Lottery.

But his Millionaire Street windfall quadrupled to £266,664 after he got three more cheques last week.

He and wife Carolyn, who died in 2019, bought two tickets each when they joined the draw.

Malcolm, from Folkstone, Kent, said: "She'd be over the Moon."

London cost on the rise

LONDON has jumped into the top 10 of the world's most expensive cities for expat employees.

The English capital has moved up nine spots to eighth in Mercer's 2024 cost-of-living city ranking.

Edinburgh placed 53 in the rankings, ahead of Glasgow at 68 and Aberdeen at 82.

Hong Kong remains No1 on the list of 226 locations, followed by Singapore.

Nigeria's capital Abuja was ranked least costly.



Star's Outen Ibiza

DENISE Van Outen was ready to sparkle on the decks in Ibiza at the weekend. The former Big Breakfast host was on the Spanish island with DJ Jemma Bolt to host a Discoliscious brunch party at San Antonio's Bam-Bu-Ku club.

PICTURE: BRETT COVE/REX/SHUTTERSTOCK

Doctor faked scripts to get painkillers

Medic used the names of dead patients

BY **DAVID MEIKLE**

A DOCTOR who admitted writing prescriptions for dead patients and taking the medication himself has been spared jail.

John Henderson, 39, wrote fake forms for powerful painkillers that he later injected over a seven-month period.

He handed prescriptions in his own name as well as living and dead patients to 17 pharmacies across Glasgow and Lanarkshire.

Henderson, who had a senior role in NHS Lanarkshire, claimed he suffered pain from a gall bladder issue and stress from long night shifts in the pandemic.

FRAUD John Henderson

The scheme allowed him to obtain prescription medication by fraud between July 2021 and February 2022 at clinics and chemists in Hamilton, Blantyre, East Kilbride, Uddingston, Kilsyth, Glasgow and Cambuslang.

Henderson, who now lives in Gloucester, pled guilty to a charge of fraud at Hamilton Sheriff Court.

He currently has restrictions imposed against his registration with the General Medical Council while a probe takes place.

Dr Chris Deighan, NHS Lanarkshire executive medical director, said they had taken immediate action after hearing allegations against Henderson. He added: "We are committed to maintaining the highest levels of integrity within our workforce."

WHY LOOS WENT PUBLIC

AFFAIR CLAIM Loos in 2004

The waitress.. the tip.. and the 'affair' that almost broke Brand Beckham





CLOSE CONTACT Rebecca, Posh and son Romeo watch Madrid, 2003

GETTING A GRIP Couple in loved-up pose for cameras on 2004 ski trip

BY TOM BRYANT
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A SEEMINGLY harmless incident in a restaurant sparked a devastating claim which threatened to tear Brand Beckham apart, a new book reveals.

Personal assistant Rebecca Loos, now 46, went public about her alleged affair with David Beckham, 49, following his failure to tip a waitress.

The aftermath of Rebecca's revelation was the "hardest period" for David and wife Victoria, according to last year's Netflix series Beckham.

Now a book by author Tom Bower tells for the first time why Rebecca spoke out, posing the biggest test of the Beckham's marriage, which is 25 years old next month.

In The House of Beckham, the author writes that after a meal at Madrid's Hard Rock Cafe for Rebecca and other staff of his SFX agency, the millionaire footballer did not tip.

Bower writes: "The following day, the waitress gave Loos a note for Beckham. Explaining that she survived on the tips, she expressed her anger that someone as famous and rich could be so mean.

"After reading the note, Beckham was alarmed. 'Give her this,' he said handing over a thick wodge of euros.

"Reflecting... about how Beckham had played her and lied to her, Loos was angry."

Rebecca, who was let go by SFX, sold her story alleging an affair to a former Sunday newspaper in 2004.

The Beckham's PR advisers quickly arranged a show of togetherness on holiday in the Alpine ski resort of Courchevel, France, to try to offset the damage to Brand Beckham.

The book says: "In a bravura performance the couple clung to each other – she with an iron grip on his hand. Then they performed a piggyback and smiled.

"Once the show was over they disappeared into their chalet... as everyone drifted off, one journalist looked through the Beckhams' chalet window. Posh was slapping Beckham hard on his face. Beckham, famous for his short fuse, did not retaliate."

The ex-Manchester United star, who denies any affair, began playing for Real Madrid in 2003 but Victoria delayed moving to Spain and her experience there was miserable.

Bower writes: "Her life in Madrid was lonely and unhappy. Although she had everything money could buy, she was isolated. With few friends, she was unwilling to learn Spanish. Her diet, rigorous exercise and chain-smoking reflected her anxieties."

Their time in Madrid was also strained by the Spice Girl's relationship with rapper Damon Dash, who promised to relaunch her pop career.

She often spent time in New York with Dash to produce an album which never saw the light of day.

"Dash's interference in the Beckhams' married life disturbed David. At the end of a Real Madrid press conference... Beckham burst out: 'All this speculation about my wife not being happy, it's all rubbish. She's very happy here in Madrid. There are no problems in our marriage.'"

But fast-forward 14 years to 2018 and the Beckhams were once more fending off marriage rumours.

Amid the speculation, Victoria and her publicist arranged a high-profile interview and photoshoot in London of the Happy Family Beckham. The entire Beckham family was to be photographed sitting in a wooden rowing boat on a pond, which was to be shot as if it were a lake.

But soon there was tension over whether David would appear in the shoot, with the footballer's publicist adamant that he would not take part.

"Not mentioned was Beckham's new opinion that his children should not be exploited for the brand.

"Unspoken was his apparent fury with Victoria's endless self-promotion campaigns. The wrangling was followed by an outburst between Beckham and Victoria. Beckham relented. Finally, the family was shuffled on to the boat."

But what followed was almost comical. "Unexpectedly, once the six were afloat, Beckham insisted that

WITH HER ALLEGATIONS



SNOW JOB? Becks gives smiling Posh a piggyback in Courchevel

IN THE NEWS Rebecca at the I, Robot premiere in London, 2004

WHERE'S THE DADDY? Posh on the Vogue cover in 2018 with kids Harper, Romeo, Cruz and Brooklyn but no David

RAPPED UP With Damon Dash in 2003

his cocker spaniel Olive should feature in the shot too. The dog had 71,000 Instagram followers. Gingerly, the boat was pushed from the shore. Suddenly, Olive jumped into the water.

"Beckham was about to follow and rescue his pet. Screaming 'No', worried that his clothes would get soaked, several assistants plunged into the water to grab the dog. Victoria's face turned to thunder. Another argument blew up. A sulk descended.

"Plans for the family photo were ditched. Victoria posed only with the children and the spaniel. In the aftermath, Beckham and Victoria posed as a twosome, separate and looking rather severe. As ever, consummate actors."

Later Vogue's editor hosted a fancy dinner at Mark's Club in Mayfair. Bower writes: "The publicists co-ordinated the separate arrival of Beckham and Victoria. Professional as ever, they posed holding hands with inscrutable smiles.

"Unknown to the photographers, after 10 minutes Beckham left through a rear entrance. Victoria remained, drinking red wine until, amid cheers, she stood on a couch to sing the Spice Girls' big hit 'Wannabe'."

Money, Sex and Power
THE HOUSE OF BECKHAM
TOM BOWER
THE NO.1 BESTSELLING AUTHOR

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OBSESSION Paul-Henri Nargeolet with Titanic model in 2013

DOOMED Titan sub

Dad was Mr Titanic.. he died super-happy

Daughter finds comfort a year after Titan disaster

TYCOON Harding

OWNER CEO Rush

PERISHED Suleman and dad Shahzada

BY CHRISTOPHER BUCKTIN

THE daughter of one of the five people killed when a submersible imploded as it made its way to the wreck of the Titanic says her dad died doing what he loved most.

Ahead of the first anniversary of the Titan tragedy tomorrow, Sidonie Nargeolet said her father Paul-Henri Nargeolet was "obsessed" with the Titanic.

She said: "His priorities were firstly Titanic and then family.

"He must have been super-happy. His favourite thing was to see the Titanic. He had a very good death. He died healthy, with his mind intact and living his passion. I think what he did is beautiful. It's courageous."

FINAL MESSAGE Sidonie Nargeolet

She last spoke to her dad when he arrived on the Polar Prince, the ship from which the Titan submersible was launched in St John's, Canada.

Sidonie, 39, said: "He told me his book on the Titanic was to be translated into English. He was happy."

At 6am the next day, she got a message that Titan was missing. She said: "I cried for 10 minutes."

Her 77-year-old dad was on board with UK billionaire Hamish Harding, 58, British businessman Shahzada Dawood, 48, and his son Suleman, 19, and the submersible's owner Stockton Rush, 61. The sub had just 96 hours of oxygen, and a rescue mission began.

On June 22, the US Coast Guard told the families debris found on the Atlantic seabed showed the craft had imploded on the day of the dive. It has since emerged that experts had raised concerns with submersible firm OceanGate about its vessel.

The US Coast Guard said it is still "actively investigating" the disaster. Of OceanGate CEO Rush, Sidonie said: "It's better that he's no longer around.

"It would have been hell for him to be alive with what happened."

Biker killed in car smash

A MAN died and four other people were injured in a crash.

A silver Skoda Octavia and motorbike collided at 3.10pm on Saturday on the A719 Waterside to A77 Ayr Road.

The 56-year-old motorcyclist was pronounced dead at the scene, police confirmed yesterday.

The male driver of the car was left uninjured but four female passengers were taken to Crosshouse Hospital for treatment.

Worried kids can't sleep

ONE in four parents say their child cannot sleep because they are worried.

More than a third of youngsters wake up crying or upset, a US study added.

Some 40 per cent of parents say their child gets into their bed during the night.

The poll was carried out by the CS Mott Children's Hospital in Michigan.

Mott poll co-director Sarah Clark said: "When children don't get enough rest, it can impact their development."



Tallia's living the LA dream

THE Los Angeles heat is too demanding for denim as Scot Tallia Storm peels off on her stateside stay. "Perfect week in the city of dreams.. we had a timeeee." she told fans. The star, 25, has quit her Capital Radio show and is said to be pursuing US opportunities.

YOU WON'T BE LIVING ANY MORE

Machete thug threat before murder bid

BY GRANT McCABE

A MURDER bid thug sent a photo of a machete and wrote, "You will not be living any more," before lashing out at his victim.

Liam Logan was annoyed at the man for apparently "flirting" with his girlfriend.

The 18-year-old went on to attack him with the weapon, leaving him with brain injuries following the incident in Newmilns. Ayrshire, in February 2023.

Logan, who pled guilty to attempted murder at the High Court in Glasgow, faces a lengthy spell behind bars when he is sentenced next month. The two young men were with others – including Logan's girlfriend – at a house in the town.



PLEA High Court in Glasgow

Prosecutor Stephen McCloy told the court: "Logan had been drinking heavily and became annoyed, by his perception, that (the victim) was flirting with her."

He went on to contact the man via Snapchat asking if he "wanted to meet".

He sent more messages, via another person, threatening him, including one with the machete.

The victim went to meet Logan, baffled as to why he was threatening him.

Mr McCloy said: "Logan ran towards him and struck him on the head once with the machete. He stumbled and fell to the ground."

The student suffered a skull fracture with bleeding and bruising of the brain.

It left him with speech and walking issues which have since improved but he now suffers from anxiety and is scarred for life.

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OUTRAGE Cow was injured

Cop who hit cow with car is suspended

BY **ZAHRA KHALIQ**

AN OFFICER who used a police car to ram an escaped cow has been suspended from frontline duties, police confirmed.

The young cow, Beau Lucy, suffered grazes and bruising after being hit by the vehicle as her owner described the incident as "horrific".

Beau Lucy was hit on Friday after police received reports that a cow was running loose on a street in Staines, Surrey.

Upsetting footage of the incident sparked outrage from members of the public, including Home Secretary James Cleverly.

Surrey Police Deputy Chief Constable Nev Kemp said: "I fully appreciate the distress our handling of this incident has caused and will ensure it is thoroughly and diligently investigated."



DAM RIGHT Beaver builders

Beavers give water voles helping hand

BY **NICK FORBES**

BEAVERS reintroduced to a forest in 2009 may have created the "right conditions" for another native species to flourish, say conservationists.

Water voles, once abundant in Scotland but now one of the country's most threatened native animals, could thrive in the "complex boundary between water and land" that beavers have created in Knapdale in Argyll.

The beavers' dam-building has led to a new "edge habitat" along water-courses, where water voles can dig burrows hidden from predatory mink.

Pete Creech, wildlife ranger at the Heart of Argyll Wildlife Organisation, said beavers were better engineers than humans when it comes to creating wetlands.



LAWYERS HALT MASS COMPO CLAIM

NO JUSTICE



STRUCK OFF Alan Morrison declared himself bankrupt

SHUTTERED Morrison's dirty dental practices in Cumnock and Drongan were closed down in 2013

Fury as multi-million pound lawsuit against dentist at the centre of HIV alert faces axe

BY **GEMMA RYDER**

A MULTI-MILLION pound lawsuit against a dentist who sparked an HIV scare is to be dropped after an eight-year battle for compensation.

Alan Morrison, 61, who ran surgeries in Ayrshire, was struck off the dental register in 2016 after he put 6000 patients at risk by using dirty equipment.

The local health board closed down his premises in Cumnock and Drongan when they were tipped off by a whistleblower in 2013.

About 2250 patients were tested for blood-borne viral infection due to his actions. Four tested positive for hepatitis C, though it is not known if they contracted it from the dental practices.

It prompted one of the biggest mass litigations in Scottish history, with the number of patients claiming compensation from Morrison reaching at least 800.

Thompsons Solicitors have now told clients that they have "exhausted" all efforts to take legal action. They advised clients to take up an offer by Morrison to abandon all cases on a "no expenses" basis.



"After eight years of lawsuit they have dropped us"

DAVID REID BLASTS LAW FIRM THOMPSONS

ANGRY Ex-patient David Reid

David Reid, 68, from Cumnock, a patient of Morrison, says "no justice" has been served. He said: "Morrison admitted to what he did and he was previously even struck off before these breaches, but yet he has just walked away. It's just not right.

"He blatantly cut corners at the expense of his patients.

"I'm the sort of person that leaves a lot of things on the surface, but I will never forget when my grandchild asked my wife why her 'papa' didn't love her any more after I became quite distant and wouldn't hug them out of worry.

"Even though my test came back negative, whenever I became ill I worried if it might be something to do with that.

"I had appointments with Morrison at least a dozen times. It was chaotic and disorganised. You'd walk in and there were tools just lying on a tray.

"You just assume that you can trust your dentist. I even defended him when rumours started coming out as I thought he was a decent guy. It defeats me how this is justice."

Morrison declared himself bankrupt in 2016 but Thompsons said they would continue with their lawsuit. Their efforts came to a halt in June 2023 when the lead patient in the action was refused an appeal.

The courts had previously ruled Morrison was not responsible for an acute stress disorder suffered by the patient as a result of learning of a small chance he had contracted a blood-borne infection.

Thompsons said they struggled to accept the courts came to the right decision and it was with "much regret" that they were unable to support the litigation further.

A court decision is yet to be confirmed on whether Thompsons can pursue cases for other clients, but they said they could no longer support funding the cases with significant litigation expenses to be paid.

David continued: "I'm angry. We've been dragged through this lawsuit for eight years and then they just drop us.

"Myself and others can't afford to sue ourselves so unfortunately it is just another example of the big businesses stomping on the ordinary guy."

Thompsons said: "We cannot comment currently due to ongoing legal issues but will issue a statement in the near future."

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TOP OF POPS Ed Sheeran

Sheer talent keeps Ed as most played

BY **CHARLOTTE MCLAUGHLIN**

ED Sheeran has once again been named the most played artist of last year.

The star had topped the list of music used across radio, TV and in public places in the UK for a seventh time in nine years.

The 33-year-old singer said: "Thank you for naming me the most played artist for last year.

"Thank you to my team, not just for me, but for all the other artists you work with – I'm happy that you get this recognition."

It is the second time he has made the list for three consecutive years after success in 2017 and 2019.

Taylor Swift came second, followed by Dua Lipa, Calvin Harris and David Guetta.

The chart is compiled by the music licensing company PPL.


SALE Karen, John and floor

Night Fever's floor a disco tech wonder

BY **CHARLOTTE MCLAUGHLIN**

THE illuminated dance-floor that John Travolta and Karen Lynn Gorney strutted their stuff on in Saturday Night Fever has sold for almost £260,000.

The iconic prop, which featured prominently in the 1977 disco movie, was the top-selling item in a Hollywood Legends sale.

A bidding war meant it exceeded its £236,000 estimate at Julien's Auctions in Beverly Hills. CEO David Goodman said: "The movie excited the world once again in our sale."

Other lots in the auction, a collaboration with Turner Classic Movies, included a black Ceil Chapman dress worn by Marilyn Monroe to a 1953 event hosted by Bob Hope.

It went for £200,640, five times its guide price.

Sing in a most delightful way

EVEN though the sound of it may be something quite atrocious ... Dick Van Dyke just doesn't care, still singing at the age of 98.

The Mary Poppins star performed with acappella quartet The Vantastix as he and his wife Arlene Silver, 52, hosted A Magical Afternoon with Arlene & Dick Van Dyke and Friends in Malibu.

At last week's Emmys, Dick, who played chimney sweep Bert in the 1964 hit, said Arlene was "the love of my life".

LOVE Dick with wife of 12 years Arlene

FUN Dick sings on stage with The Vantastix

CHIMNEY POTTY As sweep Bert

GIO: I LOOK FORWARD TO CLEARING MY NAME

Dancer slams 'crotch' claim


DENIALS Giovanni Pernice

BY **ASHLEIGH RAINBIRD**
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DANCER Giovanni Pernice says that allegations about his conduct on Strictly Come Dancing "are simply false".

After reports claimed that he grabbed his crotch in rehearsals, he yesterday said he is looking forward to "clearing my name".

He said: "I have always rejected any suggestion of abusive or threatening behaviour. The latest accusations are simply false. I am co-operating fully with the BBC investigation, which will determine the truth.

"I am looking forward to the conclusion of the investigation and ultimately clearing my name."

Giovanni, 33, is on tour with dancer pal Anton Du Beke. He will not return for the next Strictly series.

Actress Amanda Abbington, 52, his partner last year, pulled out of the series for personal reasons.

She has since claimed she was left with mild PTSD because of the dancer's behaviour.

ON TOUR With Anton

A legal firm acting on behalf of the complainants said that the broadcaster is gathering evidence.

But the BBC has not confirmed whether any probe has begun.

Giovanni denied the allegations in a statement in May.


HAPPY DAY Dancer Bez

Tooth is out on star Bez's lost dentures

BY RECORD REPORTER

BEZ from the Happy Mondays has revealed he once lost his dentures at the Glastonbury Festival – but found them on a friend's necklace.

The dancer and percussionist, real name Mark Berry, was notorious for his wild antics in the 90s.

He told the White Wine Question Time podcast: "It's not unusual because I'm always having denture disasters."

The 60-year-old added: "An old friend of mine had found them and put them on his necklace.

"It was really lucky for me because I spotted him later on with my teeth on. I'm not sure how he'd done it.

"I'm always having teeth disasters. I've had one recently, that's why they're falling out now, because I need to glue them in."


BEAT IT Davey and James

Drumming up business for dentists

BY JACKIE GRANT

A SCOTS rocker is struggling to get through gigs – because his bashing keeps causing his front tooth to fall out.

James Nevans, 50, starts performing with The Davey Pattison Band with a full set of gnashers but the vibrations caused when battering his drum kit leaves him with a gap by the end.

Now he's desperate to get his teeth fixed so he can keep on rocking.

James, from Wishaw, Lanarkshire, said: "It's quite embarrassing having to spit out the tooth that's come loose in the middle of a song and I'm left with this gap at the front of my mouth."

Singer Davey Pattison joked: "Give him his due, when his tooth does fall out he never misses a beat."

FASHION TAKES A COMIC TURN

SOMETHING FUNNY IS AFOOT Connolly in 70s and, right, in 2010

BIG BANANA FEET Jeffrey's new boots

Artist goes bananas for Billy's boots

Scots designer's take on Big Yin's footwear

BY STUART MacDONALD

A FAMED Scots fashion designer has shocked London Fashion Week by recreating Sir Billy Connolly's banana boots.

Charles Jeffrey's version of the Big Yin's stage footwear from his gigs in the 70s was unveiled as part of his latest collection.

Award-winning Jeffrey, who was born in Bellshill, Lanarkshire, has had A-list stars such as Harry Styles and Kit Harington lining up to wear his clothes.

Fashionistas' jaws dropped as models strode on to the catwalk at London's Somerset House in banana boots as he presented his brand Loverboy's spring/summer 2025 range.

> "The shoes go beyond an uber-Instagram appeal"
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> CULTED HIP STYLE WEBSITE GIVES VERDICT

The original boots were designed and made for Connolly by the Glasgow pop artist Edmund Smith in 1975.

They made their first appearance on stage during a stand-up show he performed at the Music Hall in Aberdeen in August that year. The tour documentary, Big Banana Feet, later took its title from the boots which became the comedian's trademark for a while.

TRAIL-BLAZER Charles Jeffrey

The boots had been on display in Glasgow's People's Palace for many years and will be back on show there when it reopens following its refurbishment.

Fashion bible Vogue described Jeffrey's bright yellow leather boots as his "tribute to Billy Connolly, the outrageous Scottish comedian who wore such footwear on his Big Banana Boots tour in the mid-1970s".

Describing the footwear, style website Culted said: "The shoes go beyond an uber-Instagramable appeal and are actually a reference to Scottish comedian Billy Connolly, who wore a pair on stage in the 1970s.

"For spring/summer 2025, Charles Jeffrey Loverboy's contributions to his fashion five a day came in a ripe yellow colourway and an overripe black leather."

Jeffrey's show at Somerset House earlier this month was part of London Fashion Week and marked 10 years since he started in the industry.

The 33-year-old, who grew up in Cumbernauld before moving to London aged 18, previously paid tribute to his Scottish upbringing when he created his own tartan, which has been registered with the Scottish Register of Tartans.

One of his tartan coats was worn by Jodie Comer's character Villanelle in the hit BBC series Killing Eve.

Jeffrey was approached for comment.

LIFE live it well

LEGAL EYE



Lawyer Austin Lafferty tells you where you stand in his new weekly column

CAN my partner move into my rented property without being on the lease?

LIFE is all about unexpected change. The best-laid plans of mice and men et cetera. And whether it is online dating, chance encounters at the coffee shop, or the slow evolution of acquaintanceship into true love, we end up far from where we expected to be.

This column is not generally known for its warm squishy sentiment but there is a hard-edged legal consequence. A couple usually want to live together – there certainly is no law to put a just impediment in the way.

But where someone has arranged accommodation on the basis of being single, and then pairs up with a loved one, there might be a couple of fences to jump.

If the home is owned, there is no problem. Even if unattached when the mortgage was arranged and the flat bought, it is not contrary to law, property title or mortgage contract to bring in a second occupant – or indeed stepkids. This does not need to be reported to the lender nor the Registers of Scotland.

However, if you have a private tenancy, there may be consequences. If it is an informal arrangement, eg renting from a friend or family member, there may be no issue. But a tenancy document that's professionally or commercially drawn up at arm's length – ie there is no personal connection with the landlord – almost certainly has a restriction on further people residing in the flat.

Guests – even an overnight stay – no problem, the landlord does not have the right to dictate how you live your life as long as your behaviour is not anti-social or damages the building.

But the contract is enforceable in all its clauses – and just as the landlord cannot arbitrarily increase the rent nor force you to decorate, you cannot increase the pressure on the accommodation by doubling the number of tenants.

A reasonable landlord should be open to negotiation and may come and go on the relevant rent increase, but that is a business decision, not a legal requirement.

The other thing is council tax, and any housing benefits. Council tax will be calculated on living alone, and any change in that status must be reported.

Yes, you may suffer some financial adjustment, but you have to weigh up the good and the bad – love conquers all and he or she should be worth such extra impositions.

One word of warning – DO NOT make the changes and hope no-one will notice or find out. That will transform a minor inconvenience into a lot of trouble, or even a criminal conviction.

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My first ever smear test saved my life

Niamh Kirk was told she had abnormal cells after her first routine smear test. Here, for Cervical Screening Awareness Week, Niamh, 25, from Leicestershire, shares what happened, how she had treatment to remove the cells and why it's so important every woman should have their test

SMEAR tests can be daunting, especially when it's your first one. And as crucial as they are, many women remain unclear on what actually happens during an appointment and why we have them in the first place. So, as it's Cervical Screening Awareness Week, I'm here to share my story.

Every woman between the ages of 25 and 64 is invited to have a smear test and they can be life-saving, as I found out.

I was invited for my first just before I turned 25 and was nervous, but after some reassurance from my mum – and friends who had already had one – I booked myself in.

Smear tests, also known as cervical screening tests, are designed to check the health of a woman's cervix and also can help to find any abnormal changes before they turn into cancer. While most people's results come back negative, some can test positive for these abnormalities and I was one of them.

It's safe to say I am now a huge advocate for smear tests and I would advise any woman to get one as soon as they can, because mine saved my life and I now realise the true importance of having one. While it can be a bit embarrassing and uncomfortable, it's five minutes that can stop cancer in its tracks and save your life.

Like many other women, I had no idea what HPV (human papillomavirus) was and thought the test was to check for cervical cancer. I was left with so many questions, not to mention the overwhelming emotions when I got a letter to say I had "abnormal cells" and had tested positive for "high risk" HPV.

I had to do a lot of googling and speaking to others who had gone through the same thing just to find what HPV actually was.

Almost all cervical cancers are caused by HPV (99.7 per cent).

I was extremely frustrated there was no proper guidance. All I was told was I needed a colposcopy and potentially some "treatment", depending on the outcome of the procedure.

High-risk HPV essentially means abnormal cells have been detected, which over time could turn cancerous if not treated.

There are two types of HPV positive results. Being high risk meant I needed the life-saving surgery to remove them as my body was unable to do so.

Low-risk HPV means the body should be able to naturally fight the cells off and return to normal.

Women in the low-risk category just need another smear test in a year's time to check it has disappeared.

Having the routine smear test was absolutely fine. It was over within five minutes. I asked the nurse about the results and she said I'd be sent a letter in a few weeks. She told me they checked for HPV, but I had not
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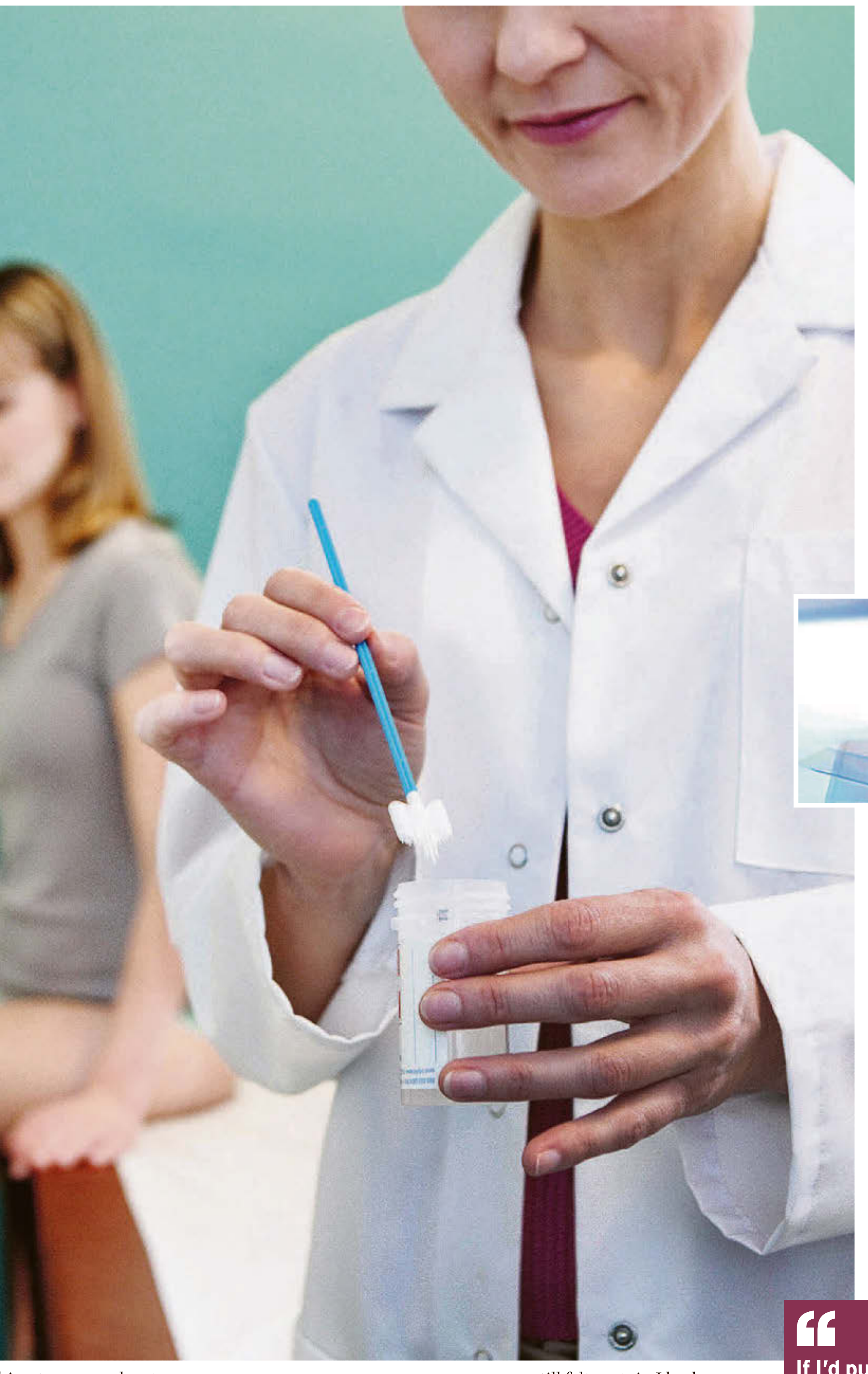
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A colposcopy is a further examination of the cervix – a bit like a more in-depth smear test – where nurses are able to see if there are abnormalities in the cervix cells. Again, I had no clue what "treatment" meant in this context. The days running up to my appointment at the hospital felt painstakingly slow.

At this point, I was so overwhelmed, I still felt certain I had cancer and I was struggling.

When the day finally came for my colposcopy, they could see abnormal cells and told me I needed a treatment called a large loop excision of the transformation zone (LLETZ).

This is when I finally started to get some answers.

The nurse was brilliant at reassuring me and while I had no idea I was having surgery that day when I walked into the hospital, they did all they could to keep me calm. My mum was right by my side and the nurse told me everything that was about to happen and that they were about to remove the part of the affected cervix. While it was all a blur, the only bit I registered was they were about to use a heated wire loop to remove the abnormal cells. According to the NHS, mild abnormalities don't always need to be treated but, if needed, the aim is to remove the abnormal cervical cells while preserving as much normal tissue as possible.

They estimate that less than one in 1000 women referred for colposcopy are found to have cervical cancer that requires immediate treatment. I was that one in 1000.

LLETZ removes a small part of the cervix and it can be used to treat cervical cell changes (abnormal cells) or early-stage cervical cancer, as well as to diagnose cervical cancer. It uses a thin wire loop with an electrical current to remove the affected area.

Even though I was having surgery, I was an outpatient, but thankfully I had a lot of support and my own room. To say I wasn't in pain would be a lie – I was given a local anaesthetic in my cervix which makes me cross my legs at the thought of it – but it was over in under 10 minutes. I was so glad my mum was able to stay with me, I squeezed her hand tightly during the procedure.

On the LLETZ treatment, the NHS states: "Removing abnormal cervical cells is usually successful (about a 90 per cent success rate). You should be invited for a follow-up cervical screening test to check that the treatment has been successful."

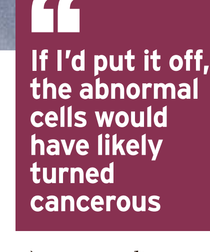
And six months later, I had another smear test to check everything had gone smoothly. I was very nervous about the results, even though medics were almost certain the surgery had been successful. Luckily it was and I was so pleased to know I no longer had to worry.

I now have to have a smear test every year, rather than every three years like most women, but I truly value the peace of mind this gives me.

If I had put off having that very first smear test, I would be in a very different position today.

If I hadn't gone for my screening, those abnormal cells would have likely turned cancerous, resulting in a devastating cancer diagnosis.

Each year, 3200 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer and five-year survival currently stands at 67.4 per cent.



"If I'd put it off, the abnormal cells would have likely turned cancerous

The NHS Cervical Screening Programme was introduced in 1988 and in its first 20 years, contributed to cervical cancer cases falling by a third. This is why smear tests are important – they're the best protection against developing cervical cancer.

They can prevent an estimated 75 per cent of diagnoses.

A more recent development in cervical cancer prevention is the HPV vaccination programme.

The vaccination, offered to girls aged 11-17 since 2008, protects against 70 per cent of cervical cancers.

Don't be scared – go for your smear test. It could just save your life.

■ **If you have any concerns about cervical cancer or smear tests, it's always best to speak to your GP. Find more information and support at eveappeal.org.uk/supporting-you and the NHS website**

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with Russell Grant

Aries March 21-April 20
BE patient and you will overcome some difficult issues. Don't throw in the towel on impulse. Objections to your plans and suggestions will delay progress but instead of wasting time arguing, think of ways to get around these problems. Some clever thinking will save the day.
For more call **0905 789 4171** (80p/min + network access charge)

Taurus April 21 - May 21
YOU'RE stunned by the popularity of someone who is less qualified, less skilled and less experienced than you are. Now they are using their charm to talk their way into an exclusive organisation while in the background people like you have to get on with the hard work.
For more call **0905 789 4172** (80p/min + network access charge)

Gemini May 22 -June 20
FOR the sake of your health or your professional reputation it would be better to get some disagreeable tasks over with. It's like going to the dentist, the more you think about it the more you want to avoid some appointments altogether. Push through your anxiety. You can do this.
For more call **0905 789 4173** (80p/min + network access charge)

Cancer June 21 -July 22
IDEAS are being shared and you have listened to them all yet you are holding back from offering your opinions. The whole idea of such discussions is to enhance teamwork and generate innovative solutions. Sharing your thoughts will help you make sense of those vague ideas taking shape.
For more call **0905 789 4174** (80p/min + network access charge)

Leo July 23 - August 22
AN INSPIRING talk will boost your confidence in a close relationship. Are you single? You could meet someone special at a glamorous gathering. Common interests and a shared love of the theatre and the arts will form a solid basis on which to build this exciting new union.
For more call **0905 789 4175** (80p/min + network access charge)

Virgo Aug 23 - Sept 22
TAKING on more commitments when you already have plenty on your plate will put a strain on your health. Someone who always inspires you will present you with a new challenge. Although you would love to take them up on their offer, you may have to give this one a miss.
For more call **0905 789 4176** (80p/min + network access charge)

Libra Sept 23-Oct 23
FAMILIAR places are where you would prefer to be but you are expected somewhere else and you can't get out of this commitment. Transport delays, computer breakdowns and extra charges will wreak havoc with your plans and your bank account. Travel arrangements are less than ideal.
For more call **0905 789 4177** (80p/min + network access charge)

Scorpio Oct 24 - Nov 22
GROUP activities will help cancel out solitary desires. Being active and spending time with friends will help keep your mind from fixating on worries that you have. When your thoughts drift to places you would rather not go, call up a friend and suggest meeting up for a chat.
For more call **0905 789 4178** (80p/min + network access charge)

Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 21
SOMEONE you were supposed to meet up with will not be feeling their usual self. This will mean some of your plans for the day will have to be rearranged. Since you could do with some extra free time anyway, this will not give you too much cause for complaint.
For more call **0905 789 4179** (80p/min + network access charge)

Capricorn Dec 22 -Jan 20
YOU would enjoy the chance to work more behind the scenes. This will enable you to give thought to something that you aren't yet ready to share with others. Something on your mind will benefit from more careful contemplation. A vague idea will soon become perfectly clear.
For more call **0905 789 4180** (80p/min + network access charge)

Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19
YOU'RE baffled about how to go about an important task. People you are working with are just as confused. The one person who could help is conspicuous by their absence at the moment. All you can do is get on as best you can with the little information you have available.
For more call **0905 789 4181** (80p/min + network access charge)

Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20
IT'S the romantic in you that makes you want to save people. A friend will reach out and you will want to help but no matter how good your intentions might be, it is professional treatment they need. You might sense already that your involvement will delay rather than speed up their recovery.
For more call **0905 789 4182** (80p/min + network access charge)

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DEAR COLEEN

Problems?
Tell Coleen Nolan about them and she'll give you an honest answer... every weekday in the Daily Record

I'm struggling to cope after such a traumatic year

Dear Coleen



BEFORE I get into my problem, I wanted to say I'm probably one of your biggest fans and I'm only 18. I came to see you on tour in February and had the best time ever, and even had the pleasure of meeting you and getting a photo.

So, after reading your advice for other people, I'm now hoping you can offer me some words of wisdom to help me cope as the past year has been awful for me and my family.

At the beginning of last year I was sexually assaulted, which had a devastating impact. Then following that we found out my dad had cancer. After that my nana got cancer, then my uncle and my auntie too.

Thankfully, my auntie, uncle and nana were all treated successfully, but my nana still isn't well and may need another operation, while my dad is still waiting for his all-clear.

As if all of that wasn't enough to deal with, in February, my other auntie suddenly passed away at the age of 57. It was so shocking. I just can't help thinking, "What's next?" I'm always waiting for something bad to happen to the family again. How can I get control of this horrible feeling?

Coleen says

WELL, I can relate to some of what you're going through. When an illness like cancer ravages your family, as it has mine over the years, it does change you and you have to consciously keep a handle on it or it can turn into paranoia and an uncontrollable fear.

It certainly changed me and it makes you think about your own mortality, which in some ways is good because you learn to appreciate everything more.

When I'm complaining of feeling stressed now, I always think how my sister Bernie, who died in 2013, would love to be here feeling stressed.

> "I was sexually assaulted and four relatives got cancer

So, that's how I snap myself out of stressful situations.

The worry is something that's hard to shake off but, here's the thing, none of us knows how long we've got on this planet or what life has in store for us around the corner, so let's not worry about what's going to happen in the future, let's focus on today. You've had an awful lesson in how fragile and uncertain life can be at such a young age but, if you can take anything from it, it's to enjoy living in the here and now.

I also believe, especially given the sexual assault, that you'd benefit from some counselling. It'll help you work through everything that's happened and support you moving on.

Speak to your GP first to see if you can get a referral via the NHS.

You can also search for a therapist at bacp.co.uk, the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy.

There are also lots of good self-help apps available to help cope with anxiety and calm your mind.

I'm sorry about what's happened to you but you have a wonderful life ahead of you.

EMAIL: dearcoleen@dailyrecord.co.uk – sorry, but Coleen can't reply personally
WRITE TO: Coleen Nolan, The Daily Record, 55 Douglas Street, Glasgow, G2 7NP

DAILY PRAYER

"I WILL look unto the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation."
Micah 7:7

WHEN we turn and face the light, our shadows fall behind us.

CROSS OFF

Hidden in the grid is a well-known phrase. To reveal the phrase, cross off the letters in the grid that correspond to today's numbers. Keep today's puzzle, and buy tomorrow's paper for more numbers to help you find the solution. If you cross off all this week's numbers, the answer will be revealed on Friday.

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RECORD TV
with SARA WALLIS


PLEA Phil asks Sharon for quality time with Albie

EASTENDERS
BBC1, 7.30pm

IT'S Father's Day in Albert Square and Stevie, Jack, Billy and Howie head to the group fishing trip with their sons. Stevie wants the boys to enjoy the great outdoors and reconnect with their dads, so he confiscates their phones.

Phil feels lonely without Ben and Louise, and is further hurt when Denise takes Raymond over to No20 for some christening prep.

Phil asks Sharon for time with Albie, but when he sees a suspicious text from Linda, everything falls apart.


BACK Robin, Jenny, Rita and Ken

THE MASKED SINGER US
ITV2, 8pm

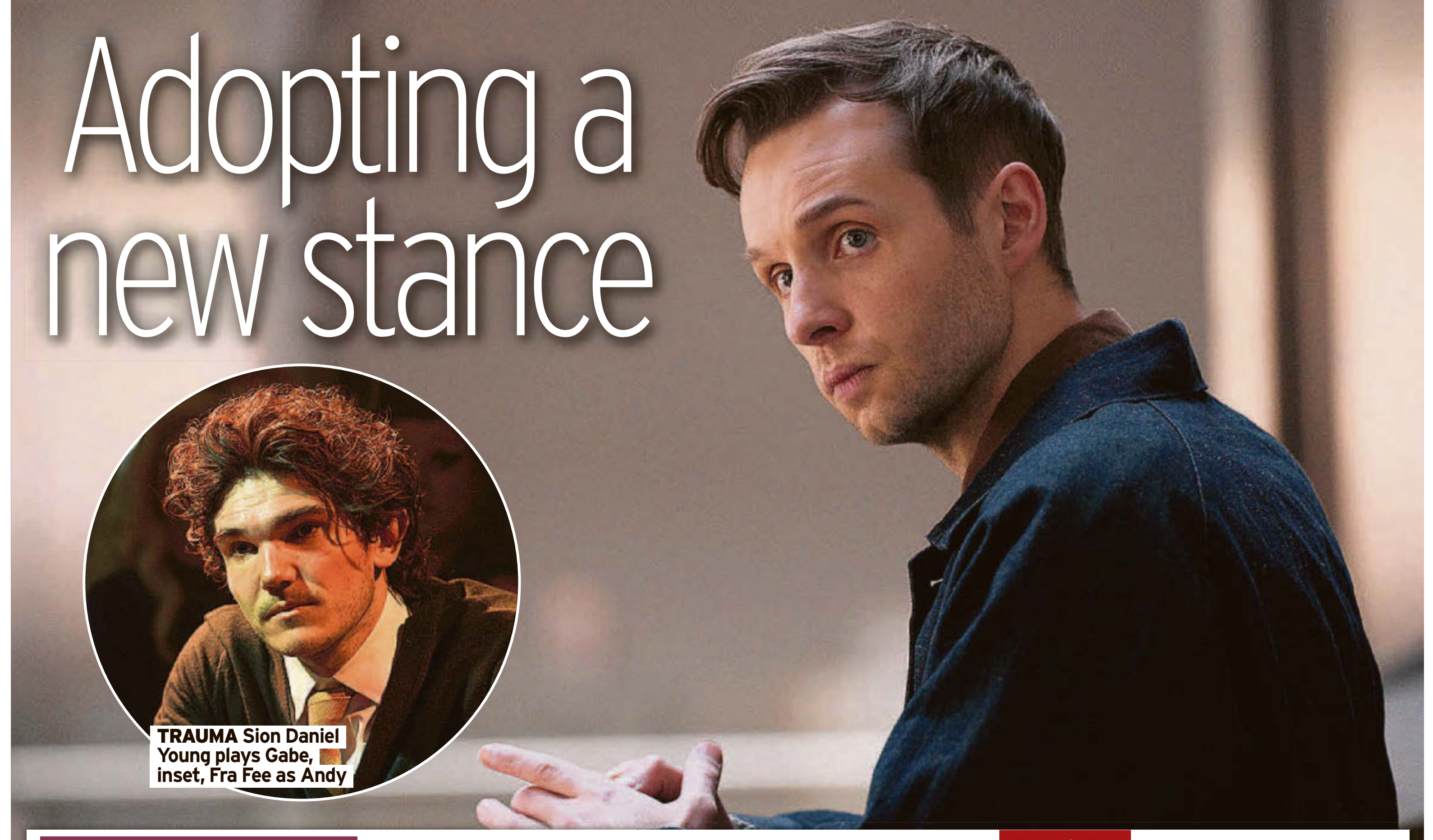
MORE celebrities squish themselves into ridiculous oversized costumes and masks to sing their hearts out for the panel.

Sitting in judgment on this American version of the show are actor and comedian Ken Jeong, TV personality Jenny McCarthy Wahlberg, and singers Robin Thicke and Rita Ora.

Nick Cannon hosts as an excitable crowd jeers and chants "take it off", after hearing a series of clues and questions to uncover the celebrity identities.

Let the rumours and guessing games begin once again.

Adopting a new stance


TRAUMA Sion Daniel Young plays Gabe, inset, Fra Fee as Andy

LOST BOYS AND FAIRIES
BBC1, 9pm

PICK of the DAY

AS THE conclusion of this stunning gay adoption drama arrives, we are still reeling from the shocking final scenes of episode two.

Gabe (Sion Daniel Young) and Andy (Fra Fee) had finally agreed to go ahead and adopt Jake, preparing for him to move in the next day.

Everything seemed to be falling into place and Gabe suggested they enjoy one last night out on the town together. A date on their last night of freedom.

Then the music kicked in and a montage began – TV red flags for "something bad is about to happen". And indeed it did.

While Jake slept soundly in his bed, we saw Gabe and Andy running through the streets, holding hands, kissing… there were fireworks. They blew each other a kiss goodbye as Gabe went to Neverland club to perform Come What May. As he sang the lyrics "I will love you until my dying day", Andy walked home through an alley and was attacked by a gang of thugs, smashing his head against the wall and collapsing.

As Gabe reached the crescendo of the song, the police walked into the club.

A gut-punch drama, expect more emotion as now everyone must deal with the repercussions of this catastrophic event. Gabe is sent spiralling, the adoption is put in jeopardy and Jake may never find his forever home.

Watch out for Gwyneth Keyworth in an outstanding scene as Becky, Jake's biological mother, as well as continued scene-stealing moments from Elizabeth Berrington as social worker Jackie.

This incredible drama will stay with you.


WATCH OUT Sherrie plays Martha with Jeremy as Jez

HOLLYOAKS
E4, 7pm

WATCH out for another bad girl in this long-running soap tonight.

Sherrie Hewson, famous for appearing in the Carry On films, Crossroads, Coronation Street and more recently, Benidorm, is about to cause a stir in this latest role.

She reveals that her character, Martha Blake, is unlike anyone she's played before.

Sherrie says: "I've never been an out-and-out baddie before – I just love it.

"I can be so evil, so horrible, it's fantastic. Although everyone needs a redeeming feature otherwise it can get quite boring."

Martha is the grandmother of Sienna Blake and Dilly Harcourt, and she's determined to keep her granddaughters away from another new arrival – Jeremy 'Jez' Blake.

Jez is the twin of the late Patrick Blake, played by the same actor, Jeremy Sheffield. Viewers will remember Patrick for manipulating his daughter Sienna and abusing girlfriend Maxine.

Sherrie says: "Jez is the most evil of them all!"

As these two newcomers rock up, brace for impact.

DEAD CALM: KILLING IN THE MED?
BBC2, 9pm

THIS troubling documentary delves into the dark rumours of brutality from special forces in the waters of the Greek islands.

Victims, experts and journalists speak out about growing evidence linking migrant deaths to the actions of the Greek coast guard.

If true, the Greek islands have become much more than a sun-drenched paradise for those living the holiday dream.

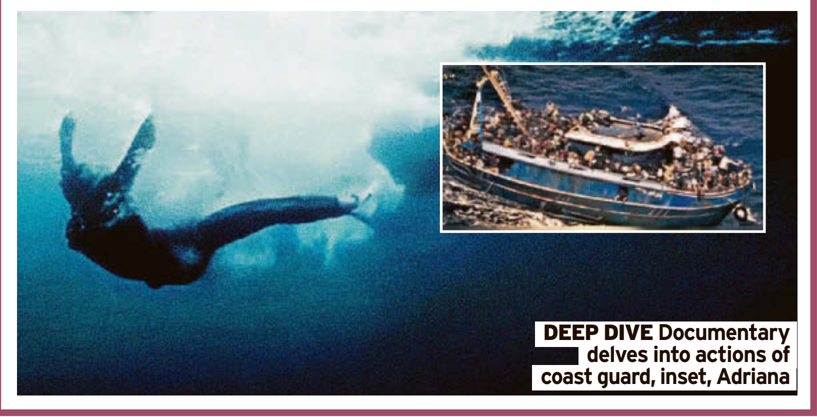
The rumours detail EU-funded boats carrying masked men, people being rounded up on land, forced on to coast guard boats and then abandoned in flimsy rubber dinghies at sea.

There are multiple cases of people subsequently losing their lives. Are these masked men responsible?

Against this background, the documentary looks at the tragedy of the Adriana, an overloaded trawler that flipped in front of a Greek coast guard patrol boat in June 2023.

More than 600 men, women and children died, while a billionaire's superyacht took survivors to shore.

The Greek authories deny involvement, but survivors blame the coast guard.


DEEP DIVE Documentary delves into actions of coast guard, inset, Adriana

Today's TV previews are on the previous page

film ratings
★★★★★ Brilliant
★★★★ Very Good
★★★ Good
★★ Average
★ Bad

(R) Repeat

BBC ONE

6.00am Breakfast News headlines.
9.30 Morning Live Magazine.
10.45 Scam Interceptors A woman who might have withdrawn thousands of pounds to post on to scammers.
11.15 Homes Under the Hammer In Eastbourne, Grimsby and Worcestershire. (R)
12.15pm Bargain Hunt Two teams compete in and around an antiques centre in Elsecar.
1.00 BBC News at One; Weather
1.30 LIVE **MOTD: UEFA Euro 2024** Romania v Ukraine (kick-off 2.00pm). Mark Chapman presents coverage of the Group E match from Munich Football Arena.
4.15 Garden Rescue Creating a sensory garden in Luton. (R)
4.45 Antiques Road Trip Debut road tripper Hettie Jago takes on dealer David Harper. (R)
5.15 Pointless Quiz show. (R)
6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather
6.30 Reporting Scotland
6.55 Party Election Broadcast By the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party.

BBC TWO

6.45am Bargain Hunt (R)
7.30 Clive Myrie's Caribbean Adventure In Barbados. (R)
8.00 Sign Zone: Mammals (R)
9.00 BBC News
12.15pm Politics Live Reports.
1.00 LIVE **Tennis: Queen's** The cinch Championships. Clare Balding presents coverage of day one of the tournament at Queen's Club, featuring the first round. Carlos Alcaraz was victorious last year, losing his very first set in the tournament, but not dropping another one throughout. He then went on to win Wimbledon, becoming the first man to win both tournaments in the same year since Andy Murray in 2016.
6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games With Jasmine Harman, Dave Johns, Suzannah Lipscomb and Jason Mohammad. (R)
6.30 Robson Green's Weekend Escapes The actor explores the north-east of England, with former Newcastle United striker Les Ferdinand joining him in the first edition. (R)

STV

6.00am Good Morning Britain News and current affairs.
9.00 Lorraine Entertainment news.
10.00 This Morning Topical daily magazine, featuring a mix of celebrity chat, showbusiness news, advice and discussion. Including Local Weather.
12.30pm Loose Women Debate.
1.30 ITV News; Weather
1.55 STV News; Weather
1.59 STV Pollen Count
2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal David Dickinson and his team are at the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford, where Mark Stevens is in high spirits when a Graf Zeppelin towel turns up and Simon Schneider sets his sights on a diamond brooch. (R)
3.00 Lingo Word-based quiz. (R)
4.00 STV News at Six; Weather
4.04 STV Pollen Count
4.05 ITV Evening News; Weather
4.15 LIVE **UEFA Euro 2024** Belgium v Slovakia (kick-off 5.00pm). The Group E match from Frankfurt Arena, in what is the first competitive meeting between the nations.

CHANNEL 4

6.25am Cheers Double bill. (R)
7.15 Everybody Loves Raymond Four episodes. (R)
9.05 Frasier Four episodes. (R)
11.05 Great Canal Journeys (R)
12.05pm Channel 4 News
12.10 Help! We Bought a Village (R)
1.10 Car S.O.S Fuzz and Tim restore the smallest car they have ever worked on. (R)
2.10 Countdown Greg Rusedski is the guest in Dictionary Corner.
3.00 A Place in the Sun Double bill. From Albufeira, Portugal; Jasmine Harman helps a couple to find a retirement home in Valencia. (R)
5.00 Sun, Sea and Selling Houses Sharon and Steve are judges at a dog rescue charity's fundraising event.
6.00 Four in a Bed The competition commences in Leyburn in North Yorkshire. (R)
6.30 The Simpsons A construction project causes the local graveyard to be moved next to the family's home – to the dismay of Lisa, who begins to suffer nightmares. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00am Milkshake! Children's TV.
9.15 Jeremy Vine Discussion.
11.15 Storm Huntley Debate.
12.45pm Friends Double bill. (R)
1.40 5 News at Lunchtime
1.45 Home and Away Bree considers moving on. (R)
2.20 FILM **Revenge for My Mother** (2022, PG) When her assistant secretly starts exacting revenge, the perfect world of a woman who teaches post-natal fitness is shattered. Crime thriller, starring Sami Nye. ★★
4.00 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun James and Peter organise a coach trip to Nerja, a scenic coastal town just east of Málaga, and selling tickets from their shop in Mollina seems to have boosted the numbers involved. (R)
5.00 5 News at 5
6.00 Party Election Broadcast By the Conservative Party.
6.05 Police Interceptors A dangerous driver tears across the pavement. (R); Followed by 5 News Update

BBC ONE

7.00 The One Show Alex Jones and Clara Amfo share topical stories and celebrity chat.
7.30 EastEnders Stevie, Billy and Howie go on a Father's Day fishing trip with their sons but Billy is concerned when Stevie calls him by the wrong name.
8.00 Panorama In-depth current affairs report covering a story behind the headlines.
8.30 Make It at Market Presenter Dominic Chinea and mentor Alice offer a woodturner and an upcycler advice on marketing their businesses.
9.00 Lost Boys and Fairies The repercussions of a catastrophic event changes Andy and Gabe's life forever, and puts the adoption into jeopardy. Will Jake find his forever home? Sion Daniel Young stars. Last in series.
10.00 BBC News at Ten
10.30 Reporting Scotland
10.35 Party Election Broadcast
10.40 MOTD: UEFA Euro 2024 Highlights Featuring Romania v Ukraine, Belgium v Slovakia and Austria v France.
11.40 FILM **Stan & Ollie** (2018, PG) Biopic of Laurel and Hardy, focusing on the events of 1953 as the duo try to re-ignite their film careers by embarking on a gruelling tour of British variety halls. Steve Coogan and John C Reilly star. ★★★★
1.15am Euro 2024 Match Replay. Austria v France. A chance to see the Group D match from Dusseldorf Arena, as both teams kicked off their campaigns. With commentary by Guy Mowbray. **2.55** Weather for the Week Ahead. A look ahead to the latest forecast. **3.00-6.00am** BBC News

BBC TWO

7.00 Your Garden Made Perfect Tom Massey and Helen Elks-Smith come up with alternative designs for garden in St Albans, Hertfordshire. But the owners want different things. Presented by Angela Scanlon. (R)
8.00 Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby Monica Galetti and Rob Rinder visit Glenapp Castle, which is located near Ballantrae in South Ayrshire. The team at this five-star hotel have gone to extraordinary lengths to deliver a unique experience for their guests. (R)
9.00 Dead Calm: Killing in the Med? A look at the events surrounding the disaster off the coast of Greece in June 2023, when around 600 people were presumed to have died after a trawler overturned. Accounts of survivors suggested that the Greek coastguard was at fault, something the authorities deny.
10.30 Newsnight The day's important national and international news stories, with Victoria Derbyshire.
11.05 Hidden Treasures of the National Trust At Oxburgh Hall, on the edge of the Norfolk fenlands, two rare hidden treasures - a rat's nest found under floorboards containing scraps of clothes that could be centuries old. (R)
12.05am Sign Zone: Countryfile. In southwest Wales. (R) **1.00** Sign Zone: The Panorama Interviews with Nick Robinson (R) **1.30** Sign Zone: Springwatch (R) **2.30** Sign Zone: Great British Railway Journeys (R) **3.00** Sign Zone: David & Jay's Touring Toolshed (R) **3.30-6.45am** This Is BBC Two

STV

7.15 LIVE **UEFA Euro 2024** Austria v France (kick-off 8.00pm). Coverage of the Group D match from Dusseldorf Arena, as both teams kick off their campaigns. Despite reaching the final of the 2022 World Cup and winning the 2018 edition, Didier Deschamps' France haven't enjoyed the same success at the Euros in recent years, and lost on penalties to Switzerland in the last 16 three years ago. They qualified for these finals by finishing top of their group, ending the qualifying campaign unbeaten and dropping only two points across their eight group games. Austria made it through to their third consecutive European Championship finals by finishing second behind Belgium in qualifying, winning six of their eight matches. This is only their fourth appearance at this event in their history, and they have yet to make it as far as the quarter-finals. With commentary by Sam Matterface and Lee Dixon.
10.30 ITV News; Weather
11.00 STV News; Weather
11.05 Party Election Broadcast By the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party. (R)
11.10 Long Lost Family: Born Without Trace Susanne, who was left in a phone box, search for their families. (R)
12.15am Shop on TV **3.00** Wheel of Fortune. Graham Norton hosts as Hannah, Samuel and Sophie compete. (R) **3.50** Night Vision. The latest headlines and sports news. **5.05-6.00am** Ainsley's World Cup Flavours. Cookery show in which Ainsley Harriott combines food and football. (R)

CHANNEL 4

7.00 Channel 4 News A round-up of all the latest headlines, in-depth interviews and analysis of political developments and current affairs. Plus, sports stories.
7.55 Party Election Broadcast By the Labour Party.
8.00 Bake Off: The Professionals The four best teams from the last round take on pastry week. In their first challenge, the teams must turn their hand to viennoiserie, and make 18 pain Suisse and 24 savoury brioche doughnuts.
9.00 24 Hours in A&E The stories of three mothers who have triumphed over extraordinary adversity. One was diagnosed with cervical cancer, one has suffered the death of a child, and another bringing up a child who needed extra care.
10.00 Football Cops As England take on Germany in the Nations League, the team work with German police to stop the drunken revelry getting out of control as England fans enjoy the sunshine and beer.
11.05 24 Hours in Police Custody The story of a brutal premeditated knife and gun attack on the doorstep of a man's house in Luton, where the police fight against the odds to identify those responsible. (R)
12.05am 999: On the Front Line (R) **1.00** Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back (R) **1.50** The Simpsons: double bill (R) **2.40** We Are Lady Parts: double bill (R) **3.45** Iris Prize Best British Shorts **4.00** Grand Designs Australia (R) **4.55** Frasier: double bill (R) **5.45-6.25am** Countdown (R)

CHANNEL 5

7.00 Traffic Cops PC Andy Swift is patrolling on the M1 when a car he flags down speeds off. A chase at speeds up to 120mph ensues. Sgt Steve Hughes uses his experience to help with a drunk man. (R); Followed by 5 News Update
8.00 Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders PC Jan Simlesa is called to a vehicle causing traffic chaos in the Tyne Tunnel, with workers having escorted the driver from his car, suspecting he is high on drugs.
9.00 Cold Call June Clarke loses the money from the sale of her house to fraudsters and attends a support group for victims of scams where she meets old school mate Des Grigsby. He persuades her to take a caring job caring. (R)
10.00 The Hospital: Life on the Line Joanna, 48, urgently needs a heart transplant, but her health takes a dramatic turn for the worse. Social work student Hayley, 21, has a rare condition and is facing seven hours of open-heart surgery.
11.05 999: Critical Condition Barry is brought into resus with suspected sepsis. Meanwhile, after her horse threw her to the ground, Lucy suffered significant nerve damage that could mean that she is paralysed. (R)
12.05am Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts (R) **1.00** Casino Show **3.00** Secret Scotland with Susan Calman (R) **3.45** How to Add 20k to Your Home (R) **4.30** Wildlife SOS (R) **4.55** House Doctor (R) **5.20** Entertainment News on 5 (R) **5.25** Fireman Sam (R) **5.35-6.00am** Paw Patrol (R)

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6.00am CITV **9.00** World's Funniest Videos **9.30** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **10.00** Love Bites **12.00noon** Dress to Impress **1.00** Deal or No Deal **2.00** Family Fortunes **3.00** Veronica Mars **4.00** Dawson's Creek. Teen drama. **5.00** Celebrity Supermarket Sweep

6.00 Celebrity Catchphrase

7.00 Deal or No Deal Gameshow.

8.00 *NEW* **The Masked Singer US** Nick Cannon hosts as three celebrities in elaborate costumes sing for panellists Ken Jeong, Jenny McCarthy-Wahlberg, Nicole Scherzinger and Robin Thicke.

9.00 Love Island The couples make the most of an unforgettable summer of love.

10.05 Olivia Attwood: The Price of Perfection Breast enhancements.

11.05 Family Guy Animated double bill.

12.05am American Dad! **1.05** Celebrity Karaoke Club **2.10** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.40** Unwind with ITV **3.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

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7.05am Sugar Showdown **7.35** The Real Housewives of Cheshire **8.35** Masters of Flip **9.35** Buying and Selling **10.35** The Real Housewives of Cheshire **11.35** The Real Housewives of Atlanta **12.30pm** The Real Housewives of New Jersey **1.20** The Only Way Is Essex **2.15** Dinner Date **3.15** Million Dollar Listing: LA **4.10** The Real Housewives of Atlanta **5.00** The Real Housewives of Salt Lake City

6.00 Masters of Flip A creative design.

7.00 Million Dollar Listing: LA Tracy makes big plans to expand her territory.

8.00 Dinner Date Leah is given five menus, each put together by a blind date.

9.00 The Real Housewives of Cheshire The Housewives join Brian Dowling to discuss Series 17. Last in series.

10.00 The Real Housewives of Miami Lisa's romantic night doesn't go to plan.

11.00 The Only Way Is Essex

11.50 Ready to Mingle

12.50-1.00am Unwind with ITV

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7.00pm Celebrity MasterChef Su Pollard, Rita Simons, Duncan James, Bez and Munya Chawawa compete in the first heat, which starts with a brand new challenge.

8.00 The Traitors US There's a new arrival at Alan's castle in the Scottish Highlands. The Faithful have a cunning plan to fight back, and one of the Traitors is in the hot seat.

9.00 *FILM* **Dear Evan Hansen** (2021, 12) Film adaptation of the Tony and Grammy Award-winning musical about Evan Hansen, a high-school senior with a social anxiety disorder. Starring Ben Platt. ★★★★

11.10 Dubai Hustle Double bill.

12.10am I Kissed a Boy: The Reunion **12.55** Confessions of a Teenage Fraudster **1.40** Boot Dreams: Now or Never **2.40** Dubai Hustle **3.10** A Better Place **3.20-3.50am** Doctor Who: Unleashed

BBC4 Freeview 24

7.00pm Great British Railway Journeys A visit to the University of Glasgow's Officer Training Corps. He then heads to Helensburgh.

7.30 Villages by the Sea Archaeologist Ben Robinson visits Bamburgh in Northumberland.

8.00 Digging for Britain Alice Roberts visits a location in the Cotswolds.

9.00 Archaeology: A Secret History Richard Miles charts the history of archaeological breakthroughs.

10.00 Britain's Pompeii: A Village Lost in Time Excavating a 3,000-year-old Bronze Age village.

11.00 Queen Victoria's Letters: A Monarch Unveiled Conclusion. The years after Prince Albert's death.

12.00m't Treasures of the Indus **1.00** Great British Railway Journeys **1.30** Villages by the Sea **2.00** Archaeology: A Secret History **3.00-4.00am** Digging for Britain

5 USA Freeview 21

9.00am NCIS **10.55** Entertainment News on 5 **11.00** NCIS **1.00pm** Law & Order **3.55** Entertainment News on 5 **4.00** Law & Order

6.00 NCIS Members of an NCIS team are killed in an explosion.

6.55 Entertainment News on 5

7.00 NCIS Triple bill. The team is shocked when Bishop is implicated in an old NSA leak; the NCIS team searches for Gibbs after wreckage from his boat is discovered; a murder occurs in the classified section of the National Archive.

10.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Double bill. Benson, Fin and Stabler are haunted by past decisions; a teenager disappears after making a shocking confession.

12.00m't Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: double bill **1.55** The Blacklist **3.35** 999: Criminals Caught on Camera **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

DAVE Freeview 19

7.10am Cop Car Workshop **8.00** Special Ops: Crime Squad UK **9.00** James May's 20th Century **10.00** Top Gear **12.00noon** Storage Hunters UK: four episodes **2.00** Extreme Fishing with Robson Green **3.00** Top Gear **5.00** The Hairy Bikers' Chicken and Egg

6.00 Rick Stein's Secret France

7.00 Would I Lie to You? At Christmas With Ray Winstone and Rachel Riley.

7.35 Richard Osman's House of Games

9.00 QI XL With guest panellists Sean Lock, David Mitchell and Danny Baker.

10.00 QI With guests Susan Calman, Maisie Adam and Josh Widdicombe.

11.00 Taskmaster Joe Thomas grapples grumpily with some awkward hand-wear.

12.00m't Mock the Week. Comedy quiz show. **12.40** Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled **1.40** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **2.45** Live at the Apollo **3.30-4.00am** Whose Line Is It Anyway? USA **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

DRAMA Freeview 20

6.00am Teleshopping **7.10** London's Burning **8.00** Doctors **9.20** Classic Holby City **10.40** Classic Casualty **11.40** The Bill **12.40pm** Classic EastEnders **2.00** London's Burning **3.00** Lovejoy **4.10** Tenko **5.15** Birds of a Feather

6.00 Waiting for God Tom opts for a policy of complete honesty at all times.

6.40 Are You Being Served? The staff's holidays are threatened.

7.20 Last of the Summer Wine The trio meet a man testing for earthquakes.

8.00 The Brokenwood Mysteries Mike and his team investigate the murder of a host from a hit TV series.

10.00 New Tricks The body of a missing computer expert turns up in a morgue under a false name, so Strickland asks the team to investigate.

11.20 Soldier, Soldier A football match is cut short when trouble arises.

12.30am Footballers' Wives **1.35** Lovejoy **2.50-4.00am** Classic Holby City

E4 Freeview 13

6.00am Hollyoaks **7.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **9.00** The Goldbergs **10.00** Young Sheldon **11.00** Modern Family **12.00noon** The Big Bang Theory: four episodes **2.00** The Goldbergs **3.00** Modern Family **4.00** Young Sheldon **5.00** The Big Bang Theory: double bill

6.00 The Big Bang Theory Double bill.

7.00 Hollyoaks Cleo gets a promotion.

7.30 Come Dine with Me In Edinburgh.

8.00 Dance Moms A ballet school scout is discovered to be attending the finals.

9.00 Gogglebox Opinions on The Graham Norton Show. From November 2021.

10.00 Naked Attraction Singletons from London and Wigan choose dates.

11.05 First Dates A laboratory engineer sits down for a meal with a lingerie designer.

12.05am The Big Bang Theory: double bill **1.10** Brooklyn Nine-Nine: double bill **2.10** Modern Family **3.00** Dance Moms **3.50** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **4.40-6.00am** The Neighborhood

MORE4 Freeview 18

8.55am A Place in the Sun **10.25** A New Life in the Sun **11.25** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **12.30pm** Come Dine with Me **3.10** Four in a Bed: five episodes **5.50** Chateau DIY

6.55 Car S.O.S A 1992 Saab 900 Turbo.

7.55 Grand Designs Kevin follows an ambitious build in Cornwall, as Leigh and Richard transform a derelict 17th-century flour mill into a three-bedroom home.

9.00 PopMaster TV Contestants from West Yorkshire, London, Romford and north-west Wales take up Ken Bruce's challenge to recall facts and stats about their favourite chart toppers and beyond.

10.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Jimmy Carr hosts the popular quiz as Sean Lock and Roisin Conaty compete against Jon Richardson and Nish Kumar.

11.05 24 Hours in A&E A man arrives in resus with suspected internal bleeding.

12.10am Emergency Helicopter Medics **1.15** 999: On the Front Line **2.20** 24 Hours in A&E **3.25-3.55am** A Place in the Sun

VARIATIONS

BBC SCOTLAND 2.00pm Sign Zone: Beechgrove Garden **2.30** Sign Zone: Landward **3.00-4.00** Sign Zone: This Farming Life **7.00** The Seven **7.30** The Hairy Bikers Go Local. Dave Myers and Si King help a Norfolk pub chef. **8.30** Designing the Hebrides. Transforming a dated cafe and bookshop on Skye. **9.00** Shetland. Tosh uncovers a tattoo that sends the case in a new direction. **10.00** River City **10.30** Late Night at the Euros with Compston and Smart **11.00pm-12.00m't** Inside Central Station

BBC ALBA 6.00am Alba Today **5.00pm** Treubh an Tuathanais (Big Barn Farm) **5.15** Na Clangairean **5.30** AH-AH/No-No **5.40** Su Pic (Peek Zoo) **5.45** Daolag-bhreac is Seillean **5.50** Meaban is Moo **5.55** Stoiridh **6.05** Belle agus Sebastian **6.20** Bogaisean is Gumbalan/Bottersnikes and Gumbles **6.35** Stri **6.40** Proiseact Ploigh **7.00** Thar na Loidhne/Crossing the Line. Stornoway Ladies prepare for a big game against the Orkney Dragons. **7.30** SpeakGaelic. Joy Dunlop guides viewers through the first steps of speaking Gaelic. **8.00** An La (News) **8.30** Slighe Chladach Fiobha **9.00** Trusadh – Na Ceudanaich/Centenarians. People who have reached a great age. **10.00** An Clo Mor **10.30** Duncan Mackenzie (Dileab nam Beann) **11.30** Mach a Seo! – An Roinn Eorpa **12.00m't-6.00am** Alba Today

ENGLAND As BBC1 except: 1.15-1.25pm Regional News; Weather **6.30** Regional News; Weather **6.55-7.00** Party Election Broadcast **10.30-10.40pm** Regional News; Weather

NORTHERN IRELAND As BBC1 except: 1.15-1.25pm BBC Newsline; Weather **6.30** BBC Newsline; Weather **6.55-7.00** Party Election Broadcast **10.30** BBC Newsline; Weather **10.40** Party Election Broadcast **10.45** MOTD: UEFA Euro 2024 Highlights **11.45** *FILM* Stan & Ollie (2018, PG) Biopic of Laurel and Hardy, starring Steve Coogan. ★★★★ **1.20-2.55am** Euro 2024 Match Replay

BORDER As STV except: 1.55-2.00pm ITV News Border **4.00-4.05** ITV News Lookaround **11.00-11.10** ITV News Border **12.15-3.00am** Shop on TV **3.50-5.05am** Unwind with ITV

UTV As STV except: 1.55-2.00pm UTV Live **4.00-4.05** UTV Live **11.00** UTV Live **11.10** View from Stormont **12.15-3.00am** Shop on TV **3.50-5.05am** Unwind with ITV. Daily escape.

Sport

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

6.00am Sky Sports News **7.00** Good Morning Euros. Round-up of the all the news from the 2024 UEFA European Football Championship.
10.00 LIVE **Tennis** The Berlin Ladies Open. Day one of the WTA event, a grass-court tournament that takes place at Rot-Weiss Tennis Club in Germany, featuring matches in the first round. Fourth seed Ons Jabeur fell at the first hurdle to Jule Niemeier at this stage last year, and eventual champion Petra Kvitova got her tournament under way with a victory over Karolina Pliskova.
3.00pm LIVE **ICC Men's T20 World Cup** New Zealand v Papua New Guinea. Coverage of the Group C match from Brian Lara Cricket Academy in Tarouba, as the two countries meet for the first time in a T20 international. This is the final group game for both sides, with New Zealand looking to make it out of the group stages for the fourth consecutive time, while Papua New Guinea are playing at only their second T20 World Cup.
7.30 SSN Euro Matchday **9.00** SSN Euro Matchday **10.00** SSN Euro Report **10.30** Back Pages Tonight **11.00** SSN Euro Report
1.00am LIVE **ICC Men's T20 World Cup** West Indies v Afghanistan. Coverage of the Group C match from Daren Sammy National Cricket Stadium in Gros Islet, St Lucia.
5.30-6.00am SSN Euro Report. Football news.

SKY SPORTS CRICKET

6.00am Best of ICC WT20 **7.00** ICC Men's T20 World Cup **2.10pm** Best of ICC WT20 **2.30** ICC Men's T20 World Cup. Sri Lanka v Netherlands.
3.00 LIVE **ICC Men's T20 World Cup** New Zealand v Papua New Guinea. The Group C match from Brian Lara Cricket Academy.
7.30 ICC Men's T20 World Cup **8.00** ICC Men's T20 World Cup **8.30** ICC Men's T20 World Cup **9.00** ICC Men's T20 World Cup **10.00** ICC Men's T20 World Cup **10.30** ICC Men's T20 World Cup **11.00** ICC Men's T20 World Cup
1.00am LIVE **ICC Men's T20 World Cup** West Indies v Afghanistan. The Group C match from Daren Sammy National Cricket Stadium.
5.30-6.00am ICC Men's T20 World Cup

SKY SPORTS FOOTBALL

6.00am EFL **9.00** EFL Greatest Games **10.00** EFL Cup Retro **12.00noon** EFL Greatest Games **1.00** EFL Cup Highlights **2.00** EFL
6.00 EFL Greatest Games **7.00** EFL Cup Highlights **8.00** EFL **9.00** EFL **10.30** Best Moments From The Championship Play-Off Final (1993-2019) **11.00** Best Moments From The League 1 & 2 Play-Off Final (1993-2019)
11.30 Jimmy Glass: The Great Escape
12.00m't EFL Greatest Games **1.00** Retro League One. Charlton Athletic v Sunderland. **3.00** EFL Cup Retro **5.00-6.00am** EFL Cup Highlights

TNT SPORTS 1

6.00am Spanish Women's Liga F **7.00** NWSL
8.00 Euro 2024 – Agree or Disagree **8.15** Crouchy and Cole **8.30** Gallagher Premiership Rugby Union **10.00** Women's One-Day International Cricket. India v South Africa.
11.00 LIVE **Ultimate Pool** Coverage of session one of the WEPF World Team Shootout, as the players compete in a fast-paced format of the game at the Grand Hotel Blackpool.
4.00pm Crouchy and Cole **4.15** Euro 2024 – Agree or Disagree **4.30** Women's One-Day International Cricket. India v South Africa. **5.30** European Rally Championship Highlights
6.00 LIVE **Ultimate Pool** Coverage of session two of the WEPF World Team Shootout.
11.00 European Rally Championship Highlights. The Royal Rally of Scandinavia. **11.30** WNBA
12.30am NBA Action **1.00** NBA on Fire
1.30 LIVE **NBA** Boston Celtics v Dallas Mavericks (tip-off 1.30am). Game five of the NBA Finals.
4.00 Serie A – Full Impact. Review of the 2023/24 season. **5.00-6.00am** TNT Sports Goals Reload

TNT SPORTS 2

6.00am AFL **12.00noon** EuroCup Basketball
6.00 WNBA **7.00** Badminton **9.00** Fishing: On the Bank **10.00** Women's One-Day International Cricket **11.00** WWE Raw Highlights **12.00m't** WWE SmackDown Highlights. In Glasgow.
1.00 LIVE **WWE Monday Night Raw** Wrestling coverage, featuring the likes of Becky Lynch, Damian Priest and Gunther.
4.15 Ariel Helwani Meets. WWE star Sami Zayn. **5.30-6.00am** TNT Sports Cricket Reload

EUROSPORT 1

6.00am World Superbikes **7.00** Bennetts British Superbikes **8.00** Cycling: Tour of Slovenia **9.00** Cycling: Tour of Switzerland **10.00** Roland-Garros **11.00** Mountain Biking **1.00pm** Cycling: Women's Tour of Switzerland
2.00 LIVE **Cycling: Women's Tour of Switzerland** Stage three, which follows a route of 125.6km from Vevey to Champagne.
4.15 Ultramarathon. Trail Menorca 2024. **4.45** Skateboarding: Concrete Dreams **5.00** Teqball Show **5.30** Roland-Garros. Carlos Alcaraz v Alexander Zverev in the men's singles final.
7.00 Cliff Diving **8.00** Women's Tour of Switzerland **9.00** Mountain Biking **10.00** Mountain Biking **11.00** Women's Tour of Switzerland
12.00m't Speedway Grand Prix **1.00** Cliff Diving **3.00** Cycling: Women's Tour of Switzerland. Stage three. **4.00-6.00am** Mountain Biking

Entertainment & Factual

ITV3 Freeview 10

6.00am Classic Emmerdale **7.00** Classic Coronation Street **8.05** Agatha Christie's Poirot **10.30** The Royal **11.35** Heartbeat **1.40pm** Classic Emmerdale **2.40** Classic Coronation Street **3.50** Inspector Morse **5.55** Heartbeat **8.00** McDonald & Dodds **10.00** Wire in the Blood **11.50** The Royal **12.40-2.30am** Upstairs, Downstairs

ITV4 Freeview 26

6.00am World of Sport **6.20** Minder **7.10** The Sweeney **8.10** The Return of Sherlock Holmes **9.20** Magnum, PI **10.20** Kojak **11.25** BattleBots **12.25pm** The Return of Sherlock Holmes **1.35** Magnum, PI **2.35** Kojak **3.40** Minder **4.45** The Sweeney **5.55** BattleBots **6.55** River Monsters **7.30** Royal Ascot: Queens of the Turf **8.00** The Motorbike Show **9.00** The 1% Club **10.00** FILM The Expendables (2010/15) ★★★★ **12.05am** Motorsport UK **1.00** Auto Mundial **1.25** Motorsport Mundial **1.55** From Dusk Till Dawn **2.45-3.00am** Unwind with ITV

5STAR Freeview 32

8.00am Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun **10.00** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords **11.00** Traffic Cops **2.00pm** Police Interceptors **5.00** Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly **6.00** Home and Away **7.00** GPs: Behind Closed Doors **8.00** Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly **9.00** Ambulance: Code Red **10.00** Serial Killer Wives **11.00** Accused: Masked Attacker or Mistaken Identity? **12.00m't** Accused: Jealous Shooter or Innocent Fall Guy? **1.00** Skin A&E **2.00** A&E: Crash Scene Emergency **2.50** GPs: Behind Closed Doors **3.35-4.00am** Home and Away

REALLY Freeview 17

6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea **7.00** Cruise TV with LoveitBookit **8.00** Celebrity Yorkshire Auction House **1.00pm** Money for Nothing **2.00** The Repair Shop **3.00** Antiques Road Trip **5.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **7.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00** The Travelling Auctioneers **10.00** The Repair Shop **11.00** Help! My House Is Haunted **12.00m't** Unexplained: Caught on Camera **1.00** Paranormal: Caught on Camera **2.00-4.00am** Teleshopping

5ACTION Freeview 33

9.00am Entertainment News on 5 **9.05** Outback Truckers **10.05** Traffic Cops **11.05** Police Interceptors **12.05pm** FILM Rage at Dawn (1955/U) ★★ **1.55** FILM California (1946/PG) ★★ **4.00** Outback Truckers **5.00** Traffic Cops **6.00** Police Interceptors **9.00** FILM Dirty Harry (1971/15) ★★★★★ **11.10** FILM Universal Soldier: Regeneration (2009/18) ★★★ **1.15am** Fights, Camera, Action! **2.15-4.00am** Trucking Hell

SKY ARTS Freeview 36

6.00am Giselle **8.00** The Joy of Painting **9.00** Tales of the Unexpected **10.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **11.00** Discovering: Ian McKellen **12.00noon** The Joy of Painting **1.00** Tales of the Unexpected **2.00** Cold War & Cinema **3.00** Lenny Henry's Got the Blues **4.00** Discovering: Ed Harris **5.00** The Joy of Painting **6.00** Tales of the Unexpected **7.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **8.00** Andre Rieu: Happy Days Are Here Again

The Cleaning Lady

Sky Witness, 9pm

Arman and Nadia (Eva De Dominici, left) take control of their drug-selling venture. Plus, Garrett comes closer to solving the Cortes case and Fiona works on her new cleaning business.

11.00 Gods of the Game. Opera set in the world of football. **12.45am** Pavarotti: A Voice for the Ages **2.00** Painting Birds with Jim and Nancy Moir: Kids Special **3.00** Portrait Artist of the Year: The Exhibition **4.00-5.00am** Cheltenham Literature Festival

GOLD

7.10am The Fosters **8.05** Are You Being Served? **8.40** The Green Green Grass **9.20** My Hero **10.00** Are You Being Served? **10.40** Still Open All Hours **11.20** Last of the Summer Wine **12.40pm** The Green Green Grass **1.20** My Hero **2.00** Still Open All Hours **2.35** Dad's Army **3.20** Are You Being Served? **4.00** Last of the Summer Wine **5.20** Still Open All Hours **6.00** The Green Green Grass **6.35** Dad's Army **8.00** Only Fools and Horses **8.40** The Thin Blue Line **9.20** dinnerladies **10.00** The Royle Family **10.40** Bottom **11.20** The Office **12.00m't** Only Fools and Horses **12.40** The Thin Blue Line **1.20** dinnerladies **2.00** The Royle Family **2.40** Bottom **3.10-4.00am** The Office

YESTERDAY Freeview 27

6.10am Classic Car Garage **8.00** Abandoned Engineering **10.00** The World at War **11.00** World War Weird **12.00noon** Great British Railway Journeys **1.00** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers & Cash **4.00** The World at War **5.00** World War Weird **6.00** Antiques Roadshow **7.00** Bangers & Cash **8.00** Abandoned Engineering **9.00** Princes in the Tower: Lucy Worsley Investigates **10.00** Bangers & Cash. Expertly crafted batmobile replicas. **11.00** Abandoned Engineering **12.00m't** Great British Railway Journeys **1.00** Abandoned Engineering **2.00-3.00am** Secrets of the Transport Museum

ALIBI

7.10am Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** The Coroner **10.00** Elementary **11.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **12.00noon** Father Brown **1.00** Death in Paradise **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries **4.00** Elementary **5.00** Father Brown **6.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **7.00** Elementary. The arrival of Sherlock's brother causes tension. **8.00** Father Brown **10.00** Death in Paradise. Humphrey investigates a suspected poisoning. **11.20** Elementary **12.20am** CSI: Vegas **1.15** Unforgettable **2.20-4.00am** Murdoch Mysteries

SKY MAX

6.00am NCIS: Los Angeles **7.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow **8.00** The Flash **9.00** Stargate SG-1 **11.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **12.00noon** The Flash **1.00** MacGyver **3.00** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00** S.W.A.T **5.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow **6.00** Stargate SG-1 **8.00** Flintoff: Lord of the Fries **9.00** FILM No Escape (2015/15) ★★★ **11.00** The Walking Dead **1.00am** Brit Cops: Rapid Response **2.00-3.00am** A League of Their Own: Mexican Road Trip

SKY ATLANTIC

6.00am The Guest Wing **8.00** Six Feet Under **10.00** Billions **11.05** Gomorrah **12.10pm** Game of Thrones **1.25** The Sopranos **3.35** Six Feet Under **5.45** Gomorrah **8.00** House of the Dragon: War Room **9.00** House of the Dragon **10.10** The Sympathizer **11.20** House of the Dragon **12.30am** Succession **1.45** Game of Thrones **3.15-4.15am** In Treatment

SKY WITNESS

6.00am Air Ambulance ER **7.00** Border Patrol **8.00** UK Border Force **9.00** 999 Frontline **9.30** Caught Red Handed **11.00** Brit Cops: Rapid Response **12.00noon** New Amsterdam **1.00** 9-1-1 **2.00** FBI: Most Wanted **3.00** Caught Red Handed **4.30** Nothing to Declare **8.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** The Cleaning Lady **10.00** Coroner **11.00** The Rookie **1.00am** FBI: Most Wanted **2.00** The Equalizer **3.00** FBI: Most Wanted **4.00-5.00am** The Force: Manchester

SKY COMEDY

8.00am Will & Grace **9.00** The Conners **10.00** Sort Of **10.30** Veep **11.40** Entourage **12.50pm** High Maintenance **2.10** Veep **3.20** Entourage **4.30** Sort Of **5.00** Will & Grace **6.00** The Office (US) **7.00** The Conners **8.00** Will & Grace **9.00** Last Week Tonight with John Oliver **9.45** Silicon Valley **11.00** Last Week Tonight with John Oliver **11.45** Real Time with Bill Maher **12.55am** Sex and the City **2.15** Sort Of **3.15** Flatbush Misdemeanors **3.45-5.00am** High Maintenance

DISCOVERY

6.00am How It's Made **7.00** Deadliest Catch **8.00** Building Off the Grid **9.00** Combat Dealers **10.00** Demolition Down Under **11.00** Wheeler Dealers **1.00pm** Barnwood Builders **3.00** Gold Rush **4.00** Alaska: Homestead Rescue **6.00** Demolition Down Under **7.00** Bitchin' Rides **8.00** Supertruckers **9.00** Wheeler Dealers World Tour **10.00** Roadworthy Rescues **11.00** Outback Truckers **12.00m't** Mystery at Blind Frog Ranch **1.00** Wheeler Dealers World Tour **2.00** Roadworthy Rescues **3.00** Gold Rush **4.00-5.00am** Moonshiners

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

8.00am Food Factory **9.00** Air Crash Investigation **10.00** Dinosaurs from the Deep: Drain the Oceans **11.00** Airport Security: Colombia **12.00noon** Car S.O.S **1.00pm** Air Crash Investigation **3.00** Hitler's Last Stand **4.00** Seconds from Disaster **5.00** Car S.O.S **6.00** Air Crash Investigation **8.00** Erased: WWII Heroes of Colour **9.00** To Catch a Smuggler **10.00** Air Crash Investigation **12.00m't** Situation Critical **1.00** Drain the Oceans: Deep Dive **2.00** Abandoned **2.30** Food Factory **3.20** Lords of War **4.10-5.00am** Exotic Animal ER

Movies

FILM4

11.00am Three Hours to Kill (1954/PG) Western, starring Dana Andrews. ★★★★
12.35pm Cover Girl (1944/U) Musical comedy, with Rita Hayworth and Gene Kelly. ★★★★
2.45 True Grit (1969/PG) Western, starring John Wayne and Kim Darby. ★★★★
5.20 Gideon of Scotland Yard (1958/PG) Police drama, starring Jack Hawkins. ★★★★
7.15 Men in Black II (2002/PG) Sci-fi comedy sequel, starring Will Smith. ★★
9.00 Monster Hunter (2020/12) Cpt Artemis and her soldiers are transported to a new world, and engage in a battle for survival against enormous enemies. Fantasy adventure, starring Milla Jovovich. ★★
11.05 Limbo (2020/12) Comedy drama, starring Sidse Babett Knudsen. ★★★
1.10-3.35am Shoplifters (2018/15) Drama, starring Lily Franky and Sakura Ando. ★★★★

SKY CINEMA PREMIERE

6.35am Bonus Track (2023/15) See 2.00pm for details. ★★★
8.25 The Great Escaper (2023/12) See 3.50pm for details. ★★★★
10.15 Am I OK? (2022/15) Romantic comedy drama, starring Dakota Johnson, Sonoya Mizuno and Jermaine Fowler. ★★★
12.00noon American Star (2024/15) See 10.00pm for details. ★★★
2.00pm Bonus Track (2023/15) Comedy, starring Joe Anders and Samuel Small. ★★★
3.50 The Great Escaper (2023/12) Drama, with Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson. ★★★★
5.40 Blue Beetle (2023/12) Fantasy adventure, starring Xolo Mariduena. ★★★
8.00 Meg 2: The Trench (2023/12) When a mining operation unleashes a school of megalodon sharks, rescue expert Jonas Taylor attempts to save the day. Thriller sequel, starring Jason Statham. ★★★
10.00 American Star (2024/15) Thriller, starring Ian McShane and Nora Arnezeder. ★★★
12.00m't Ruthless (2023/15) Action thriller, with Dermot Mulroney and Jeff Fahey. ★★★
1.40am The Exorcist: Believer (2023/15) Horror sequel, starring Leslie Odom Jr. ★★★
3.40-6.00am Ride On (2023/PG) Action drama, starring Jackie Chan and Liu Haocun. ★★★★

SKY CINEMA DRAMA

5.45pm Ferrari (2023/15) Drama, starring Adam Driver and Jack O'Connell. ★★★★
8.00 Terms of Endearment (1983/15) Drama, with Shirley MacLaine. ★★★★★
10.20 When Tomorrow Comes (1939) Drama, with Charles Boyer and Irene Dunne. ★★★★
12.05am Ray (2004/15) Drama, starring Jamie Foxx and Regina King. ★★★★
2.45 Ferrari (2023/15) See 5.45pm for details. ★★★★
5.00-7.15am She Said (2022/15) Drama, with Carey Mulligan and Patricia Clarkson. ★★★★

SKY CINEMA FAMILY

4.00pm Johnny English (2003/PG) Spy comedy, starring Rowan Atkinson. ★★★★
5.35 Matilda (1996/PG) Children's fantasy comedy, starring Mara Wilson. ★★★★
7.25 Addams Family Values (1993/PG) Comedy sequel, with Anjelica Huston. ★★★★
9.05 The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie (2004/U) Children's animated comedy, featuring the voice of Tom Kenny. ★★★★
10.45 The Karate Kid (2010/PG) Martial arts drama, starring Jaden Smith. ★★★
1.15am Mee-Shee: the Water Giant (2005/PG) Children's fantasy, with Daniel Magder. ★★
3.05 Robo-Dog: Airborne (2017/U) Family adventure sequel, starring Michael Campion and Patrick Muldoon. ★★★
4.50-6.40am Breaking Point (2023/12) Drama, with Kelvin Clarke and Karam Singh. ★★★

TALKING PICTURES TV

4.05pm Rebecca (1940/PG) Alfred Hitchcock's romantic thriller, with Laurence Olivier, Joan Fontaine and Judith Anderson. ★★★★★
7.00 The Footage Detectives Memories of Hartley Hare and Make Do and Mend.
8.00 Enemy at the Door A retired diplomat refuses to share government information.
9.05 Element of Doubt (1996/15) Thriller, starring Nigel Havers and Polly Adams. ★★
11.15 Mountains of the Moon (1990/15) Epic period drama, starring Patrick Bergin. ★★★
2.00am Maigret Mystery, with Bruno Cremer.
4.00-5.00am Justice Legal drama series.

GREAT! MOVIES

5.00pm Lost Letter Mysteries: Signed Sealed Delivered (2013/PG) Mystery, with Eric Mabius and Kristin Booth. ★★★
7.05 Lost Letter Mysteries: Time To Start Livin' (2014/PG) Thriller, starring Eric Mabius, Kristin Booth and Yan-Kay Crystal Lowe. ★★
9.00 Night Hunter (2018/15) Thriller, starring Henry Cavill and Ben Kingsley. ★★★
11.10pm Into the Ashes (2019/15) Thriller, with Frank Grillo and Marguerite Moreau. ★★★
1.05am The Winter Soldier (2016/15) Sci-fi adventure, starring Paul Sidhu. ★★
4.00-6.00am A Wedding to Die For (2019/PG) Thriller, starring Christa B Allen. ★★★

Radio

BBC RADIO 1

97.6-99.8MHz 6.57am Newsbeat **7.00** Radio 1 Breakfast with Sam and Danni **10.30** Newsbeat **10.32** Rickie, Melvin and Charlie **12.45pm** Newsbeat **1.00** Dean and Nat **3.30** Newsbeat **3.32** Going Home with Vick, Katie and Jamie on Radio 1 **5.45** Newsbeat **6.00** Radio 1's New Music Show with Jack Saunders **8.00** Radio 1's Future Artists with Sian Eleri **10.00** Radio 1's Power Down Playlist with Sian Eleri **11.00** Rock Show with Daniel P Carter **1.00am** BBC Introducing Rock on Radio 1 with Alyx Holcombe **2.00** Radio 1's Future Alternative **3.00** Radio 1 Relax in Love **4.00** Radio 1 Dance **5.00-6.57am** Radio 1 Early Breakfast with Arielle Free

BBC RADIO 2

88-91MHz 6.30am The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show **9.30** Vernon Kay **12.00noon** Jeremy Vine **2.00** Scott Mills **4.00** Sara Cox **6.30** Sara Cox's Half Wower **7.00** Jo Whiley's Shiny Happy Playlist **7.30** Jo Whiley **9.00** The Blues Show with Cerys Matthews. New and classic blues tracks. **10.00** DJ Spoony's Magnificent 7 **10.30** DJ Spoony's Rhythm Nation **12.00m't** OJ Borg **2.30** One Hit Wonders with OJ Borg **3.00** Pick of the Pops **4.00-6.30am** Owain Wyn Evans

BBC RADIO 3

90.2-92.4MHz 6.30am Breakfast **9.30** Essential Classics **1.00pm** Classical Live **4.00** Composer of the Week: Dvorak **5.00** In Tune **7.00** Classical Mixtape **7.30** Radio 3 in Concert **9.45** The Essay: The Sounds of Tyne **10.00** Night Tracks **11.30** 'Round Midnight **12.30-6.30am** Through the Night

CHOICE

Radio 3 In Concert

Radio 3, 7.30pm

To mark 17 years of the Aldeburgh Festival concert, Martin Handley presents a recreation of the first year's bill. On the programme is music by Purcell, Handel and Britten, as well as a new trumpet concerto by Robin Haigh written for Matilda Lloyd and Britten Sinfonia. Jessica Cottis conducts.

BBC RADIO 4

FM 92.4-94.6MHz 6.00am Today **9.00** Start the Week **9.45** Oliver Burkeman's Inconvenient Truth **10.00** Woman's Hour **11.00** Writing the Universe **11.45** Book of the Week: The Stalin Affair **12.00noon** News **12.04** You and Yours **12.57** Weather **1.00** The World at One **1.45** Understand: The UK Election **2.00** The Archers **2.15** Fags, Mags and Bags **2.45** Gambits **3.00** A Good Read **3.30** The Failure of the Future **4.00** Living without My Smartphone **4.30** The Kitchen Cabinet **5.00** PM **5.57** Weather **6.00** News **6.30** I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue **7.00** The Archers **7.15** Front Row **8.00** The Briefing Room **8.30** BBC Inside Science **9.00** Start the Week **9.45** Assume Nothing: The Shankill Gold Rush **10.00** The World Tonight **10.45** Book at Bedtime: Jensen: The Bellevue Poltergeist. By Heidi Amsinck. **11.00** Harland **11.30** The South Asian Shift **12.00m't** News **12.30** Book of the Week: The Stalin Affair **12.48** Shipping Forecast **1.00** As BBC World Service **5.20** Shipping Forecast **5.30** News **5.43** Prayer for the Day **5.45-6.00am** Farming Today

BBC RADIO 5 LIVE

693/909kHz 6.00am 5 Live Breakfast **9.00** Nicky Campbell **11.00** Naga Munchetty **1.00pm** 5 Live Sport **2.00** 5 Live Sport **4.00** 5 Live News **4.30** 5 Live Sport **5.00** 5 Live Sport **7.00** 5 Live Sport **8.00** 5 Live Sport **10.30** Gordon Smart: Live from Euro 2024 **11.30** Johnny I'Anson **1.00am** Dotun Adebayo **5.00-6.00am** Wake Up to Money

BBC RADIO SCOTLAND

FM: 92-95MHz, MW: 810kHz 6.00am Good Morning Scotland **9.00** Mornings **12.00noon** Lunchtime Live **1.32** The Afternoon Show **4.00** Drivetime **6.00** Get It On with Bryan Burnett. Music request show. **8.00** Vic Galloway. New releases and classic album cuts. **10.00** Iain Anderson **12.00m't-6.00am** As BBC Radio 5 Live

TALKSPORT

1053/1089kHz 6.00am talkSPORT Breakfast with Jeff Stelling **10.00** Euro GameDay Warm Up **1.00pm** Euro GameDay Live **4.00** Euro GameDay Live. Belgium v Slovakia (kick-off 5.00pm). **7.00** Euro GameDay Live. Austria v France (kick-off 8.00pm). **10.00** Euro Sports Bar **1.00am** Extra Time **5.00-6.00am** Breakfast

RECORD READERS Your letters

X WORD The winner on June 8 was Mrs M A Gray, from Aberdeen.



AWAY GAME John Swinney

SNP chiefs' own goal

IT WAS hard not to think that the SNP leadership are taking voters for granted as they were pictured partying in Munich ahead of the Euros match on Friday.

Nobody expects politicians to be working 24/7 but surely their time could have been better spent on the campaign trail – especially after the run of stories including Michael Matheson's debacle over his iPad bill.

Labour MP Ian Murray took a much more responsible course by giving up his ticket and staying at home to join his party's Scottish leader Anas Sarwar and UK deputy leader Angela Rayner, chatting to voters and watching the match on telly.

Hopefully that will lead them to get the right result in the election.

TS, Edinburgh

Cheers to the King

WHETHER you're a monarchist or not, it was hard not to feel happy for King Charles as he celebrated his official birthday at the weekend.

It's been a tough couple of years for the Royal Family, and particularly him, with the loss of his mum and both he and his daughter-in-law Princess Kate having to undergo cancer treatment.

The King seems to have bounced back remarkably and appears to be relishing the chance to be out and about once again.

And it was lovely to see Kate able to stand on the balcony alongside him, Prince William and their children.

Hopefully she will continue to make good progress with her treatment and be back in public life soon.

AB, Glasgow

Sunak insulted the nation with his D-Day shambles

MAY I take this moment to congratulate our Prime Minister on his belt and braces approach to insulting our nation?

Not content with calling an election at the commencement of the Scottish holiday season, he decided to swan off before the end of dedications to the fallen on D-Day.

Then, the coup de grace, he revealed he was never going to stay till the end anyway.

The man is a disgrace in the same category as Boris Johnson and Liz Truss.

R Burns, by email



Changed days

ONCE again we have Mr Smug – Stephen Flynn – ignoring all the failures of the SNP and spouting his usual independence rhetoric.

This General Election is not just about binning the Tories in the United Kingdom but also binning the SNP in Scotland.

We still have four weeks left to listen to the usual fantasies from all parties but change is needed and with Labour making "Change" their battle cry, they are the only option.

J Fotheringham, Fife

Letter of the week



£50

Every Saturday we will pick the best letter received during the week and award a £50 prize. Please include your full name, address and phone number in order to be eligible. This week's winner is John Stuart, Maybole.

Waging war on Elon

THE Tesla board will on Thursday be considering Elon Musk's total pay package, with a proposed value of $56billion.

This is simply not right. Based on the average US teacher's salary of $58,210, he is earning the same as 962,034 teachers, or one million individual teachers, roughly.

Even the president only gets $400,000, about seven teacher salaries, a lot of money but possibly acceptable given that they are looking over 300million people.

I might be biased as a retired teacher but no one on this planet can make a million times the contribution that I did and so should not be paid that much.

A good solution would be to keep $1billion, still a generous salary, give $50billion to hire more teachers and use $5billion to build a rocket that doesn't explode.

D Fitzgerald, by email



DISASTER Scott McKenna and Andrew Robertson look fed-up during match in Munich

Our players just not on the ball

STEVE Clarke's Euros campaign started against Germany and ended in disaster.

I don't know why he played over-rated players from both Old Firm teams as we know they are no world-beaters, just underachievers, along with other average players from the lower leagues. Clarke has got to select better players from outwith the Scottish leagues, and going down south/abroad is paramount for success in the Euros.

As it stands, with some of his selection there's more chance of the Salvation Army beating Germany than the Tartan Army. I'm not being disrespectful but its true our home-grown players plying their trade in Scottish leagues are not up to it.

If Clarke thinks he can beat the Swiss, who are famous for clocks, he is cuckoo and at the wind-up.

Stephen Johnstone Ardentinny, Argyllshire

Retain our freedoms

FACING a General Election, we all have a choice to vote for the party whose beliefs and philosophy meets the need of our nation.

All will issue a manifesto which will promise much by way of services and tax demands.

However, it is essential we all choose a party which we believe promises to maintain our democratic freedoms, especially the right to freedom of belief, speech and thought. Many societies do not enjoy these freedoms.

Certain faiths and pressure groups restrict freedoms in society, so denying true democracy. This nation has enjoyed such freedoms because of our Christian constitution, which welcomes and treats all people equally as well as the expression of all ideas and views in public places and in parliament.

All should assess parties in the benefits they will bring to society as a whole and not just their own wellbeing or pocket.

J Longstaff, E Sussex

Restricted rule

DURING this General Election, it's vital to remind the people of Scotland just what the devolved Scottish Parliament has done for them – and for those yet to be convinced, how much more could be done if we had the full powers of independence.

However, John Swinney, in tackling the disastrous effect of Brexit, the economic crisis and climate change among other issues has named the eradication of child poverty as the top priority.

Independent analysis has shown that, through the SNP Government's Scottish child payment policy and its £1billion investment, 100,000 children have already been taken out of poverty.

In truth, however, the workings of any devolved government with its many restrictions, is like a boxer fighting with one arm.

Grant Frazer, Newtonmore

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Pie in the Sky

SO OUR temporary Prime Minister Rishi Sunak considers himself underprivileged because he went without Sky TV as a child.

How can anyone so out of touch with reality lead this country when there are thousands of people who are going without food, clothes or basic accommodation every day – mainly due to his party's horrendous and cruel austerity policies?

If voters want to end the creed of greed, they should remember Sunak's remarks on election day.

SM, Glasgow

Substandard subtitles

DOES anyone know why blind or sight impaired people get a 50 per cent reduction on their TV licence fee and profoundly deaf people get no reduction at all?

I need to use subtitles for all programmes and, frankly, the subtitles are a joke on most programmes and are not up to standard.

They are usually ahead, behind or bear no relation to what is being said.

It is time that the BBC licensing stopped discriminating against deaf people.

John Stuart, Maybole, Ayrshire

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SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

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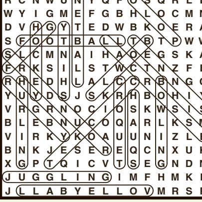
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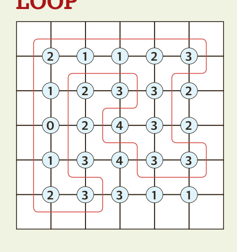
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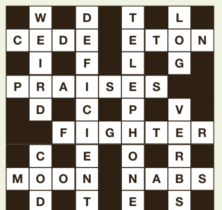
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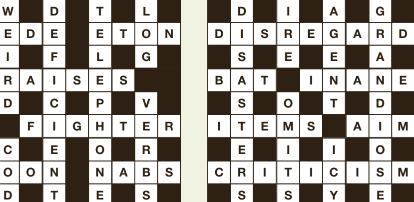
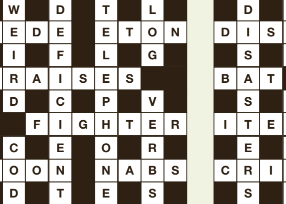
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BATTLESHIPS

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COLOSSAL CROSSWORD

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DOWN: 1 Fool, 2 Height, 3 Spirit, 4 Percale, 5 Not on, 6 Misgivings, 7 Stole, 8 No-account, 9 Drastic, 10 Part, 11 Conclude, 15 Billed, 21 Exact, 24 Holdall, 25 Beamed, 26 Shadow, 28 Norma, 29 Nod, 33 Herring, 34 Grants, 37 Darts, 40 Lance, 41 Going on, 43 Frail, 44 Riddle, 46 Light, 49 Ransack, 51 Tender, 53 Agreed, 55 Cut up, 58 Spirit lamp, 60 Tee, 62 Spoon, 63 Infuriate, 65 Thinking, 68 Denial, 70 Snaffle, 71 Opposed, 75 Lethal, 76 Coward, 77 Steak, 78 Let on, 80 Peak, 84 Lash.

PATHFINDER

Tiny Dancer, Pinball Wizard, Candle in the Wind, Your Song, Can You Feel the Love Tonight, Goodbye Yellow Brick Road, Sacrifice, Don't Go Breaking My Heart, Rocket Man, Crocodile Rock, I'm Still Standing, Sorry Seems to Be the Hardest Word, Border Song, I Want Love, Circle of Life, Ticking.

30-SEC BRAIN TEASER

Beginner 12; Intermediate 182; Advanced 148.

HONEYCOMB

1 Garret, 2 Ramble, 3 Elders, 4 Relate, 5 Ethics, 6 Iconic, 7 Inborn, 8 Robins, 9 Snoops, 10 Polite, 11 Etudes, 12 Steeds.

ANAGRAM CROSSWORD

ACROSS: 7 Corona, 8 Agaric, 9 Pail, 10 Remedial, 11 Cyclone, 13 Braes, 15 Chivy, 17 Himself, 20 Abalones, 21 Eats, 22 Secret, 23 Termly.

DOWN: 1 Botany, 2 Boil, 3 Caprine, 4 Harms, 5 Calderas, 6 Silage, 12 Lovelorn, 14 Hirsute, 16 Hoboes, 18 Lately, 19 Unite, 21 Earl.

BRICKWORK

Pin, Spin, Pints, Prints, Strip, Trip, Rip.

WORD SPIRAL

1 Dice; 2 Eyes; 3 Scan; 4 Nest; 5 Then; 6 Newt; 7 Tiff; 8 Felt; 9 Tell; 10 Lava; 11 Arid; 12 Draw; 13 Writ; 14 Thai; 15 Imam; 16 More.

Keyword: Fireman

CIRCLEGRAM

The letter represented by the question mark is N. Saxhorn, melodeon, mandolin, all musical instruments.

CLOCKWORD

1 Horrid, 2 Unkind, 3 Madrid, 4 Period, 5 Thread, 6 Yawned, 7 Defend, 8 Unsaid, 9 Melted, 10 Pallid, 11 Tasted, 12 Yanked.

Hidden name: Humpty Dumpty

QUIZWORD

ACROSS: 1 The Mist, 7 Clean, 8 Elysium, 9 Elfman, 11 Break, 13 Hays, 14 Novello, 15 Asti, 16 Bobby, 17 Cranko, 21 Madigan, 22 Davro, 23 Buzzati.

DOWN: 2 Hellraiser, 3 Mascagni, 4 Soul, 5 El Al, 6 Haim, 9 Eagle, 10 Amy Robsart, 12 Svevo, 13 Horowitz, 18 Adam, 19 Kerr, 20 Sabu.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS: 1 Minster, 7 Divan, 8 Improve, 9 Ack-ack, 11 Scrap, 13 Sink, 14 Eardrum, 15 Wand, 16 Bliss, 17 Become, 21 Bid fair, 22 Flood, 23 Crayons.

DOWN: 2 Immaculate, 3 Serrated, 4 Envy, 5 Disc, 6 Saga, 9 Azure, 10 Concussion, 12 Drake, 13 Small fry, 18 Cell, 19 Mood, 20 Liar.

TWO-SPEED COFFEEBREAK

ACROSS: 1 Moans, 5 Rower, 9 And, 10 Crave, 11 Scope, 12 Van, 13 Ten, 14 Nee, 16 Tan, 18 Intent, 21 Ruse, 23 Hare, 26 Writer, 29 Leg, 31 Her, 32 Met, 34 Ago, 36 Agate, 37 Lined, 38 Don, 39 Scene, 40 Eland.

DOWN: 1 Master, 2 Once, 3 Adonis, 4 Scent, 5 Raven, 6 Ova, 7 Went, 8 Ruin, 15 Eerie, 17 Air, 19 New, 20 The, 22 Use, 24 Armada, 25 Extend, 27 Rhone, 28 Trade, 29 Less, 30 Gale, 33 Eton, 35 Gin.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

1 Scotland, 2 Japan, 3 17th century, 4 The Great Fire of London, 5 HMS Victory, 6 The Boer War, 7 Ricky Martin, 8 Some Like It Hot, 9 Percussion, 10 Kate Bush, 11 Charlie Sheen, 12 Fedora, 13 German, 14 Lapwing, 15 Hydrogen, 16 Oxygen, 17 Hand, 18 White, 19 Birmingham, 20 Asia, 21 Switzerland, 22 Atlantic, 23 Berkshire, 24 Queensland, 25 Rowing, 26 4, 27 Greg Norman, 28 Boxing, 29 Liverpool, 30 Newcastle.

NAME GAME

DIDGERIDOO

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WORD WHEEL

HAVERSACK

JUST A BIT OF FUN

3 Physical agitation

MIRRORGRAM

DETERMINED

SUMTHING

4x6=24, 4x3=12, 8+9=17.

SPEEDBREAKER

1=N, 2=P, 3=H, 4=V, 5=D, 6=K, 7=O, 8=I, 9=L, 10=X, 11=F, 12=U, 13=C, 14=E, 15=G, 16=S, 17=R, 18=Y, 19=Q, 20=Z, 21=T, 22=B, 23=M, 24=J, 25=A, 26=W.

RECORD RACING

Big winners tipped this week at www.dailyrecord.co.uk/racing

STOREY'S A BELTER

EDGEWATER DRIVE (2.30) is the path to profit in the trappy Rhino.Bet Handicap at Carlisle.

Wilf Storey's three-year-old brushed aside **Anglesey Lad** over track and trip last month.

The gelding scored with plenty in hand so ought to defy a 7lb hike in a weaker contest.

RAIN CAP (3.0) should stay ahead of the game for John Riches in the sprint handicap.

The gelding bounced back nine days ago when second

BY **GARRY OWEN**

to **Patontheback** over seven furlongs at Catterick.

That race is working out well so the seven-year-old can deliver dropped to a stiff six.

EBONY MAW (3.30) should bite for shrewd Ewan Whillans in the staying handicap.

The gelding stayed on song with a stellar second to **Two Auld Pals** at Hamilton last month and is on an attractive mark. **JKR COBBLER** (4.0) stands to put his best foot forward for skilled Iain Jardine.

The gelding returned with a determined defeat of **Darbucks** over almost seven furlongs here last month.

The bay was staying on strongly so ought to shrug off a 2lb penalty upped in trip.

CONNIE'S ROSE (3.48) can blossom for Grace Harris on a tricky card at Chepstow.

The mare ran a stormer when chasing home **Rhythmic Acclaim** at Goodwood just 10 days ago and goes well here.

BAMA LAMA (4.18) should hit the heights for Rod Millman in the sprint handicap.

The mare brushed aside **Vape** over course and distance nine days ago. The six-year-old was value for more than the length verdict so looks poised to land a tight event.

LETTER OF THE LAW (4.55) looks legit for John O'Shea in the lucky last.

The bay showed signs of a revival when giving **Bhubezi** most problems at Chepstow nine days ago.

The five-year-old likes this track so ought to prevail under the talented Georgia Dobie.

Chris Dwyer's **HORSE WHISPERER** (5.30) can have the last word at Windsor.

Last month's second to **Boadicia** at Salisbury was a career best for the filly who can cash in on a nice mark.

QUEEN'S GUARD (7.30) looks primed to stay upwardly mobile for Michael Bell.



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WINDSOR SKY SPORTS RACING.

	GARRY OWEN	PA
5.30	HORSE WHISPERER	HORSE WHISPERER
6.00	INVINCIBLE CROWN	INVINCIBLE CROWN
6.30	GALAXY PRINCESS	RIBBA HILL
7.00	MANY A STAR	BISHOP'S CROWN
7.30	QUEEN'S GUARD	QUEEN'S GUARD
8.00	METABOLT	METABOLT
8.30	TOP FLIGHT CENTURY	LETMEBETHEBOSS

GARRY'S DOUBLE: EDGEWATER DRIVE (NAP, 2.30 Carlisle) & JKR Cobbler (4.00 Carlisle).

GOING: Good to Firm.
COURSE: Figure-of-eight course of 1m 4f, straight final 5f, 6f races start on an extension to the straight.
DRAW: Low best up to a mile.

5.30 FITZDARES HANDICAP (5) (3-Y-O)
Winner £4,397 (8 run) 5f 21yds

1 (1) 252320 **SPLIT THE PROFIT** (16) (V) M Murphy & M Keady 9-10 **Sorcha Woods** (7) 69
2 (4) 3-2224 **KISS AND RUN** (9) R Cook & J Bridger 9-9 **K O'Neill** 68
3 (8) 121532 **BINT HAVANA GOLD** (19) R Hughes 9-9 **F Marsh** 68
4 (2) 24-231 **FIDELIUS** (25) R Cowell 9-9 (D) **L Morris** 68
5 (6) 7-3122 **HORSE WHISPERER** (23) C Dwyer 9-8 (BF,D) **S De Sousa** 67
6 (7) -34645 **LIEUTENANT RASCAL** (14) (P*) P McEntee 9-7 (D) **Doubtful** 66
7 (3) 153110 **SOUTHBANK** (37) (T) S C Williams 9-5 **S M Levey** 64
8 (5) 3622-0 **ACER** (56) C Cox 9-4 **Rossa Ryan** 63

BETTING: 5-2 Fidelius, 11-4 Horse Whisperer, 4 Bint Havana Gold, 11-2 Split The Profit, 15-2 Kiss And Run, 14 Acer, 16 Southbank.

2023: DESPERATE HERO 9 8, Tom Marquand 3-1 Fav (J Channon), drawn (7), 6 ran.

SPLIT THE PROFIT 28-1 (8-4, J F Egan) **Bumped start, towards rear, effort over 2f out, soon carried left, lost place over 1f out,** 15th of 19, 17l behind Blue Storm (9-7) at Epsom Downs 5f 3yo hcp 0-90 (3) gs 55.62s.
KISS AND RUN 7-2 (9-3, Harry Davies) **Bumped start, soon led, ridden and headed over 1f out, no extra inside final 100 yards,** 4th of 9, 5l behind Formidable Force (9-6) at Lingfield 6f 3yo hcp 0-75 (5) gf 1m 09.27s.
BINT HAVANA GOLD 15-2 (9-3, Ethan Jones) **Keen early, prominent, ridden over 1f out where disputed lead, sustained duel with rival inside final furlong, no extra and headed near finish,** 2nd of 8, nk behind Crafty Spirit (9-2) at Kempton 6f 3yo hcp 0-65 (6) pol in May 1m 12.99s.
FIDELIUS 4-6fav (9-2, Marco Ghiani) **Raced wide tracked leader, pushed along to lead over 1f out, ran on,** won at Chelmsford City 5f nov auc stks (5) pol in May beating Match Anthem (9-4) by 2 1/2l, 7 ran 59.15s.
HORSE WHISPERER 7-4fav (9-7, S De Sousa) **Chased leader, ridden 2f out, ran on well final furlong,** 2nd of 7, 1 3/4l behind Boadicia (9-8) at Salisbury 5f hcap (5) gd in May 1m 00.41s.
SOUTHBANK 16-1 (9-3, Rossa Ryan) **Slowly into stride, in touch in mid-division, outpaced over 2f out, well beaten over 1f out,** last of 11, 13l behind Law Of Average (9-5) at Lingfield 5f 3yo hcp 0-70 (5) gd in May 57.24s.
ACER 12-1 (9-0, R Kingscote) **Led, soon switched right, headed 2f out, no extra from over 1f out,** 10th of 11, 9l behind South Shore (9-9) at Windsor 6f 3yo hcp 0-75 (5) gd in Apr 1m 12.37s.

6.00 FITZDARES EBF RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (5) (2-Y-O)
Winner £3,672 (13 run) 5f 21yds

1 (11) 65 **ANT COLONY** (37) (H*) E J-Houghton 9-7 (BF) **C Bishop** —
2 (4) 5 **COLOCOLO** (13) K P De Foy 9-7 **B Sayette** —
3 (7) 6 **DISTANT RUMBLE** (42) R Teal 9-7 **L Edmunds** —
4 (13) 3 **INVINCIBLE CROWN** (11) R Hughes 9-7 **F Marsh** —
5 (8) 854 **SUPER DINO** (45) (P*) Miss A Murphy 9-7 **S De Sousa** —
6 (2) 0 **ANGEL AT MIDNIGHT** (13) M Murphy & M Keady 9-2 **P Bradley** —
7 (10) **DANDIZAAM** J R Jenkins 9-2 **K O'Neill** —
8 (1) 5 **HAPPY HAPPY** (16) M Usher 9-2 **L Morris** —
9 (12) 5 **JOHN'S DRAGON** (24) T Dascombe 9-2 **P-L Jamin** —
10 (9) 0 **PATHETIC FALLACY** (12) J Butler 9-2 **R Dawson** —
11 (3) 43 **ROSELILY** (16) Jack Jones 9-2 **Dylan Hogan** —
12 (5) 055 **SIENNA GOLD** (9) B Millman 9-2 **J Gilligan** —
13 (6) **TIANA ROSE** P McBride 9-2 **A Farragher** —

BETTING: 3 Ant Colony, 7-2 Invincible Crown, 6 John's Dragon, 13-2 Distant Rumble, Roselily, 7 Colocolo, 8 Super Dino, 14 Sienna Gold, 25 Others.

2023: QUEUES LIKELY 9 2, Sean Levey 15-2 (J S Moore), drawn (2), 10 ran.

ANT COLONY 3-1fav (9-7, Edward Greatrex) **Went right leaving stalls, chased leaders, pushed along over 1f out, weakened inside final furlong,** 5th of 12, 8l behind Over Spiced (9-2) at Leicester 5f 2yo mdn (5) gd in May 1m 00.53s.
COLOCOLO 33-1 (9-3, Benoit D L Sayette) **In touch, outpaced over 3f out, soon ridden along, some headway over 1f out, ran on inside final furlong, not trouble leaders,** 5th of 11, 4 1/2l behind Where's Clare (9-2) at Wolverhampton 5f 2yo mdn stks (5) 1m 01.76s.
DISTANT RUMBLE 18-1 (9-7, Cieren Fallon) **Chased leaders, pushed along over 2f out, no progress,** 6th of 9, 6l behind Star Anthem (9-7) at Bath 5f 2yo mdn (4) gs in May 1m 05.40s.
INVINCIBLE CROWN 4-1 (9-7, Finley Marsh) **Tracked leaders, driven and headway over 1f out, led 1f out, headed inside final furlong, faded towards finish,** 3rd of 10, 2l behind Cool Hoof Luke (9-7) at Chelmsford City 6f 2yo mdn stks (5) pol 1m 11.74s.
SUPER DINO (9-4) 4th of 7, 4l behind Gallius (9-4) at Fontainebleau(FR) 5f 2yo clm sft in May. , T Piccone) **1m 04.51s.**
ANGEL AT MIDNIGHT 80-1 (8-12, S De Sousa) **Held up in rear, ridden along 3f out, never on terms,** 10th of 11, 12l behind Where's Clare (9-2) at Wolverhampton 5f 2yo mdn stks (5) 1m 01.76s.
DANDIZAAM Elzaam filly out of Dandilion.
HAPPY HAPPY 33-1 (9-0, George Rooke) **Pushed along in rear, never a threat,** 5th of 6, 20l behind Amestris (9-2) at Lingfield 5f 2yo fll nov stks (5) gd 57.84s.
JOHN'S DRAGON 11-2 (8-12, Pierre-Louis Jamin) **Slowly into stride, headway 4f out, effort and pushed along over 2f out, led over 1f out, soon edged right and headed, no extra inside final furlong,** 5th of 8, 8l behind Stage Effect (9-2) at Haydock 6f mdn (3) sft in May 1m 17.86s.
PATHETIC FALLACY 200-1 (9-2, Ray Dawson) **Slowly away, always behind,** last of 11, 13l behind Leovanni (9-2) at Nottingham 5f mdn flls stks (5) gf 1m 00.28s.
ROSELILY 4-1 (9-0, Dylan Hogan) **Raced wide tracked leaders, pushed along halfway, ridden and kept on inside final furlong, never a threat,** 3rd of 6, 10l behind Amestris (9-2) at Lingfield 5f 2yo fll nov stks (5) gd 57.84s.
SIENNA GOLD 16-1 (8-11, Gina Mangan) **Pressed winner, ridden over 2f out, no extra,** 5th of 9, 6l behind Violet Love (9-2) at Chepstow 5f 2yo fll mdn (5) gf 58.63s.
TIANA ROSE Sergei Prokofiev filly out of Prisom.

6.30 FITZDARES RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (5)
Winner £4,320 (7 run) 1m 2f

1 (4) 21 **MASTER BUILDER** (32) D Menuisier 3 9-11 (D) **O Murphy** —
2 (2) 1 **RIBBA HILL** (45) G Tuer 3 9-9 **H Shaw** —
3 (6) 43 **MASTEROFGREYGOOSE** (26) J Parr 3 9-4 **D Muscutt** —
4 (5) 7 **OFFIAH'S BOY** (15) T Ward 3 9-2 **S M Levey** —
5 (7) **STAR TIME** A King 3 9-2 **D Probert** —
6 (1) 46 **EPIDAVROS** (25) D Loughnane 3 8-13 **Billy Loughnane** —
7 (3) 92 **GALAXY PRINCESS** (32) R Beckett 3 8-13 **Rossa Ryan** —

BETTING: 5-4 Galaxy Princess, 9-4 Master Builder, 6 Masterofgreygoose, 7 Ribba Hill, 14 Star Time, 25 Offiah's Boy, 50 Epidavros.

2023: ROYAL MILA 3 9 6, Tom Marquand 1-4 Fav (W Haggas), drawn (4), 8 ran.

MASTER BUILDER 5-2 (9-2, Benoit D L Sayette) **Close up, headway to chase leader 3f out, pushed along to lead over 1f out, ridden out,** won at Salisbury 1m 2f nov mdn stks (4) sft in May beating Subsequent (9-2) by hd, 9 ran 2m 18.36s.
RIBBA HILL 11-1 (8-7, Harrison Shaw) **Tracked leaders, headway to lead over 1f out, ridden out,** won at Newcastle 1m 4f mdn stks (5) in May beating Love Safari (8-11) by hd, 5 ran 2m 49.99s.
MASTEROFGREYGOOSE 10-3 (9-2, N Callan) **Slowly into stride, soon held up in touch, not clear run and switched left over 1f out, went 3rd inside final furlong, kept on,** 3rd of 12, 1 3/4l behind Smouldering (8-11) at Kempton 7f nov stks (5) pol in May 1m 26.36s.
OFFIAH'S BOY 28-1 (9-1, Rossa Ryan) **Front mid-division, pushed along well over 1f out, soon held,** 7th of 12, 10l behind Mercury Day (9-0) at Nottingham 1m mdn stks (5) gd 1m 47.26s.
STAR TIME Time Test gelding out of Salve Etoiles.
EPIDAVROS 66-1 (8-8, Rowan Scott) **Led, headed over 2f out, weakened over 1f out,** 6th of 7, 14l behind See The Green (8-11) at Catterick 1m 4f mdn stks (5) sft in May 2m 46.89s.
GALAXY PRINCESS 22-1 (9-2, Rhys Clutterbuck) **Close up, pushed along and outpaced over 3f out, rallied approaching final furlong, stayed on to go 2nd towards finish,** 2nd of 10, 4l behind Oxford Comma (9-2) at Salisbury 1m 2f fll nov stks (4) sft in May 2m 20.26s.

7.00 FITZDARES SPRINT SERIES QUALIFIER HANDICAP (3)
Winner £9,936 (16 run) 6f 12yds

1 (1) /875-0 **KINGENTLEMAN** (16) (H*,T) D Menuisier 5 9-9 (D2) **S De Sousa** 90
2 (11) 8337-5 **FIRST FOLIO** (36) (P) J Camacho 6 9-8 (D3) **Ryan Sexton** 89
3 (6) 611252 **MANY A STAR** (28) (T) J Osborne 7 9-7 (D7) **S Osborne** 88
4 (12) 9-7036 **GET IT** (101) G Baker 6 9-7 (C,D) **P Cosgrave** 88
5 (5) 66-446 **SPANISH STAR** (17) P Chamings 9 9-7 (D6) **D Probert** 88
6 (8) -70306 **GISBURN** (9) R Hannon 5 9-6 (D3) **S M Levey** 87
7 (14) 2-2145 **KNEBWORTH** (59) (P) R Hughes 4 9-6 (D3) **F Marsh** 87
8 (16) 21-125 **BISHOP'S CROWN** (24) E J-Houghton 4 9-4 (BF,CD) **C Bishop** 85
9 (13) 0-0050 **TANMAWWY** (101) (H) H Main 6 9-4 (CD2) **Billy Loughnane** 85
10 (2) 31-771 **AMAZONIAN DREAM** (28) B Millman 5 9-3 (CD2) **J Gilligan** 84
11 (4) 2-4230 **AL FARABI** (61) (T*) S C Williams 4 9-3 **Rossa Ryan** 84
12 (15) 409-53 **HOME CITY** (30) (P) K P De Foy 5 9-3 (D) **B Sayette** 84
13 (9) 90-070 **INDIAN CREAK** (35) J Channon 7 9-1 (CD5) **Rose Dawes** (5) 82
14 (10) 5-1200 **KING'S VANITY** (37) A Balding 4 9-1 **O Murphy** 82
15 (3) 170-30 **ALCAZAN** (37) R Teal 6 8-6 (D5) **K O'Neill** 73
16 (7) 81-548 **LADY DREAMER** (12) (T,V) T Ward 4 8-5 (CD) **L Morris** 72

BETTING: 9-2 Amazonian Dream, 7 Get It, Bishop's Crown, 8 First Folio, 10 Many A Star, Knebworth, 12 Spanish Star, King's Vanity, 14 Others.

2023: STERLING KNIGHT 4 9 9, David Probert 15-2 (E Dunlop), drawn (4), 9 ran.

KINGENTLEMAN 40-1 (9-8, Benoit D L Sayette) **Mid-division, pushed along over 2f out, soon beaten,** last of 13, 11l behind Silver Samurai (9-7) at Doncaster 7f hcp 0-95 (3) gd 1m 24.03s.
FIRST FOLIO 33-1 (8-13, Ryan Sexton) **Chased leader, ridden over 2f out, faded inside final furlong,** 5th of 14, 8l behind Misty Grey (9-7) at Newcastle 6f hcp 0-105 (2) in May 1m 09.62s.
MANY A STAR 9-2 (9-9, Saffie Osborne) **Steadied start, soon tracking leaders on inside, steadied off heels 4f out, shuffled back to rear over 2f out, headway when not clear run and switched left over 1f out, ran on inside final furlong, went 2nd towards finish, no chance with winner,** 2nd of 7, 2 1/2l behind Amazonian Dream (8-13) at Windsor 6f hcap (3) gf in May 1m 10.25s.
GET IT 8-1 (9-0) 6th of 17, 7l behind Redemption Time (9-0) at Bahrain(BHR) 5f Grp 1 gf in Mar. , Callum Shepherd)
SPANISH STAR 17-2 (9-8, Tom Marquand) **Hampered start, held up in rear, kept on inside final furlong, never dangerous,** 6th of 12, 6l behind Rhoscolyn (10-2) at Epsom Downs 7f hcp 0-100 (2) gs in May 1m 25.90s.
GISBURN 16-1 (9-2, S M Levey) **Held up towards rear, edged left and ran on inside final 100 yards, nearest finish,** 6th of 14, 2l behind Buccabay (8-12) at Haydock 6f hcp 0-95 (3) gd 1m 12.50s.
KNEBWORTH 8-1 (8-9, Ethan Jones) **Tracked leaders centre, ridden and every chance inside final furlong, no extra close home,** 5th of 16, 1 1/4l behind Wiltshire (9-7) at Newbury 6f hcp 0-95 (3) gs in Apr 1m 14.28s.
BISHOP'S CROWN 7-2fav (9-7, Charles Bishop) **Towards rear, ridden and hung right over 1f out, kept on inside final furlong, nearest finish,** 5th of 10, 3 1/2l behind Fair Wind (9-6) at Goodwood 5f hcap (3) gd in May 57.82s.
TANMAWWY (9-3) 12th of 16, 9l behind Vespasian (9-7) at Meydan(UAE) 6f hcp gd in Mar. , Charlie Bennett) **1m 09.48s.**
AMAZONIAN DREAM 2-1fav (8-13, Oisin Murphy) **Tracked leaders out wide, ridden and went 2nd over 1f out, led inside final furlong, ran on well,** won at Windsor 6f hcap (3) gf in May beating Many A Star (9-9) by 2 1/2l, 7 ran 1m 10.25s.
AL FARABI 11-1 (8-8, S De Sousa) **Chased leaders far side of group, weakened inside final 2f,** 16th of 18, 8l behind Dark Thirty (9-2) at Newmarket 6f hcp 0-100 (2) gd in Apr 1m 09.88s.
HOME CITY 14-1 (9-5, Mark Winn) **Tracked leaders near side of group, pushed along and outpaced before halfway, rallied out wide over 1f out, ran on inside final furlong, went 3rd close home,** 3rd of 10, 2l behind Tyke (8-11) at Doncaster 6f hcp 0-85 (4) gf in May 1m 11.15s.
INDIAN CREAK 10-1 (8-13, Rose Dawes) **Chased leader, led 3f out, headed 2f out, lost place over 1f out,** last of 10, 9l behind Katey Kontent (9-4) at Windsor 6f hcp 0-90 (3) gf in May 1m 10.95s.
KING'S VANITY 40-1 (8-2, Hayley Turner) **Tracked leader, led 3f out, ridden and headed over 1f out, soon weakened,** 17th of 21, 9l behind The Wizard Of Eye (9-2) at Ascot 7f hcp (4yo+) (2) gd in May 1m 26.58s.
ALCAZAN 18-1 (8-12, Joe Leavy) **Tracked winner near side, ridden and every chance over 2f out, weakened final furlong,** 13th of 26, 8l behind Northcliff (8-6) at Ascot 6f hcp 0-80 (4) gd in May 1m 12.80s.
LADY DREAMER 11-2 (9-2, David Probert) **Prominent, outpaced over 2f out, weakened inside final furlong,** 8th of 13, 5l behind Abbey Heights (9-4) at Nottingham 6f hcp 0-80 (4) gf 1m 13.74s.

7.30 FITZDARES WINDSOR HANDICAP (3) (3-Y-O)
Winner £9,631 (7 run) 6f 12yds

1 (7) 8-15 **ARAMRAM** (16) R Hannon 9-9 (D) **S Hitchcott** 90
2 (4) 1-6474 **SALVUCCIO** (14) (B*) G Boughey 9-8 **Billy Loughnane** 89
3 (3) 41-231 **QUEEN'S GUARD** (13) M Bell 9-6 (D2) **D Tudhope** 87
4 (1) 1-9246 **BEYOND BORDERS** (11) K R Burke 9-2 (D4) **O Murphy** 83
5 (6) 63-119 **JIMMY SPEAKING** (5) C Dwyer 9-1 (D2) **S De Sousa** 82
6 (2) 41-727 **SKY WARRIOR** (17) C Cox 8-13 (D) **Rossa Ryan** 80
7 (5) 115-24 **THE GOOD BISCUIT** (11) J Channon 8-12 (D2) **D Probert** 79

BETTING: 6-4 Queen's Guard, 10-3 Aramram, 7 The Good Biscuit, 8 Jimmy Speaking, Salvuccio, 10 Beyond Borders, 12 Sky Warrior.

ARAMRAM 5-1 (9-10, S Hitchcott) **Handy, ridden over 1f out and soon faded,** 5th of 10, 5l behind Socialite (9-10) at Doncaster 7f nov mdn stks (2) gd 1m 24.76s.
SALVUCCIO 14-1 (9-6, W Buick) **Bit awkwardly away, held up off the pace in last pair, headway out wide inside final 2f, stayed on inside final furlong, went modest 4th final strides,** 4th of 7, 2 3/4l behind Trefor (8-9) at Windsor 6f 3yo hcp 0-95 (3) gf 1m 09.56s.
QUEEN'S GUARD 2-1fav (9-9, James Doyle) **Chased leaders out wide, ridden to lead over 1f out, soon hung left, quickened clear inside final furlong, ran on strongly,,** won at Lingfield 6f 3yo hcp 0-80 (4) pol beating Invincible Speed (9-5) by 2 1/4l, 5 ran 1m 11.20s.
BEYOND BORDERS 6-1 (9-4, Brandon Wilkie) **Slowly into stride and slightly hampered start, outpaced in rear, never on terms,** 6th of 8, 9l behind Cool Dividend (9-6) at Haydock 6f 3yo hcp 0-85 (4) gd 1m 13.52s.
JIMMY SPEAKING 11-1 (9-6, Lewis Edmunds) **Prominent, led and hung right over 2f out, soon headed, weakened over 1f out,** 9th of 10, 8l behind Drama (9-2) at Kempton 6f hcp 0-85 (4) pol 1m 10.82s.
SKY WARRIOR 10-1 (9-5, Jim Crowley) **Tracked leaders in centre, ridden and weakened over 2f out,** 7th of 8, 22l behind Mickley (9-7) at Doncaster 7f 3yo hcp 0-85 (4) gs in May 1m 24.26s.
THE GOOD BISCUIT 11-2 (9-3, David Probert) **Mid-division, pushed along and headway chasing leaders over 2f out, ridden and went 2nd briefly over 1f out, weakened inside final furlong,** 4th of 8, 4 1/2l behind Cool Dividend (9-6) at Haydock 6f 3yo hcp 0-85 (4) gd 1m 13.52s.

8.00 FITZDARES JUNE HANDICAP (4)
Winner £5,653 (8 run) 1m 31yds

1 (5) 91-356 **DIDEROT** (80) (H) J Ferguson 6 9-11 (D3) **D Muscutt** 87
2 (7) 52-078 **EXCEL POWER** (15) (P) A Watson 6 9-11 (CD) **L Morris** 87
3 (4) 1-1675 **COMPOSITE** (7) (B*) G Boughey 4 9-9 **Billy Loughnane** 85
4 (3) 636-41 **METABOLT** (13) D Loughnane 5 9-9 (CD) **Rossa Ryan** 85
5 (1) 410308 **HIERONYMUS** (24) (P) G Baker 8 9-7 (D2) **C Bishop** 83
6 (8) 4522/5 **NAP HAND** (26) (H) A King 4 9-4 **R Coakley** 80
7 (6) 480-03 **HIGH SPIRITED** (14) (P*) H Candy 4 9-1 (CD) **T Whelan** 77
8 (2) 255617 **THAPA VC** (26) (P,T) M Rimell 6 8-11 **D Probert** 73

BETTING: 11-4 Metabolt, 4 Diderot, 9-2 High Spirited, 5 Nap Hand, 7 Composite, 12 Hieronymus, Thapa VC, 14 Excel Power.

2023: METABOLT 4 9 3, Laura Pearson(3) 13-8 Fav (D Loughnane), drawn (1), 5 ran.

DIDEROT 50-1 (9-4, Rob Hornby) **Mid-division, headway over 3f out, hung left over 1f out, kept on, no impression on leaders,** 6th of 14, 5l behind Elegant Man (9-12) at Newcastle 1m 2f hcap (2) in Mar 2m 10.71s.
EXCEL POWER 40-1 (9-5, L Morris) **Led, pushed along and headed well over 2f out, weakened over 1f out,** 8th of 9, 8l behind Aerion Power (9-9) at Nottingham 1m hcp 0-95 (3) gd 1m 46.95s.
COMPOSITE 10-3 (9-9, Billy Loughnane) **Led 2f, in touch, pushed along and headway 3f out, tracked leaders, ridden over 1f out, weakened final furlong,** 5th of 8, 9l behind Raintown (8-7) at Lingfield 1m 4f hcp 0-85 (4) pol 2m 32.96s.
METABOLT 3-1 (9-9, Rossa Ryan) **Switched right soon after start, in touch towards rear, headway over 1f out, soon every chance, ridden and stayed on to lead towards finish,** won at Leicester 7f hcp 0-85 (4) sft beating Mitrosonfire (9-9) by hd, 7 ran 1m 26.64s.
HIERONYMUS 18-1 (9-4, Charles Bishop) **Dwelt, soon led, ridden 2f out, headed entering final furlong, soon weakened,** 8th of 12, 7l behind Wild Tiger (9-11) at Goodwood 7f hcp 0-90 (3) gd in May 1m 26.34s.
NAP HAND 18-1 (9-4, Oisin Murphy) **Dwelt start, in rear, ridden and switched right under 3f out, ran on well inside final furlong, not reach leaders,** 5th of 12, 1 3/4l behind Botas (8-11) at Kempton 1m hcp 0-85 (4) pol in May 1m 38.24s.
HIGH SPIRITED 5-1 (9-1, T E Whelan) **Led 2f, tracked leading trio, headway out wide into 3rd over 2f out, stayed on same pace final furlong,** 3rd of 7, 1 3/4l behind Bodorgan (9-3) at Windsor 1m 2f hcp 0-85 (4) gf 2m 07.83s.
THAPA VC 14-1 (8-11, Hollie Doyle) **Slowly away, held up in rear, switched right and headway over 1f out, never dangerous,** 7th of 10, 5l behind Rajindri (9-6) at Kempton 7f hcp 0-85 (4) pol in May 1m 24.15s.

8.30 FITZDARES CLASSIFIED STAKES (6)
Winner £3,768 (16 run) 1m 3f 99yds

1 (8) 70-500 **ATWIXADAY** (13) (V) G & J Moore 4 9-13 **Jason Watson** 45
2 (1) 024-06 **BIG JIMBO** (20) (V) G & J Moore 7 9-13 **C Shepherd** 50
3 (5) 00-656 **CENTRAL CITY** (14) B Brookhouse 9 9-13 (D) **J Gilligan** 48
4 (12) -82544 **CERTAIN STYLE** (28) Mrs L Mongan 4 9-13 **D Muscutt** 47
5 (10) 233373 **FOINIX** (13) (V) J & S Best 4 9-13 **Dylan Hogan** 47
6 (6) -02446 **IREZUMI** (20) (B) J Boyle 4 9-13 **C Bennett** 45
7 (15) 50-584 **NATIVE MELODY** (14) (B) G Kelleway 4 9-13 **S Osborne** 46
8 (2) -00802 **PIRANHEER** (13) J & S Best 5 9-13 **L Keniry** 48
9 (3) 0054 **THURSDAY** (20) S Dow 4 9-13 **S De Sousa** 50
10 (9) 799683 **EXCEPTIONALITY** (9) M Loughnane 3 9-0 **Billy Loughnane** 46
11 (7) 000 **GLAD HOPE** (63) S Lycett 3 9-0 **Elisha Whittington** (3) 10
12 (16) 977- **LADY BIRDIE** (173) (T) A Balding 3 9-0 **D Probert** 45
13 (11) 95-53 **LETMEBETHEBOSS** (13) W Muir & C Grassick 3 9-0 **L Edmunds** 50
14 (13) 060-7 **PAGAN KING** (32) M Murphy & M Keady 3 9-0 **P Bradley** 41
15 (4) 6-056 **PLATINUM PERFECT** (14) A Perrett 3 9-0 **B Sayette** 25
16 (14) 090-02 **TOP FLIGHT CENTURY** (9) Sir M Prescott 3 9-0 **L Morris** 50

BETTING: 4 Top Flight Century, 5 Big Jimbo, 11-2 Letmebetheboss, 7 Foinix, 8 Piranheer, Thursday, 12 Native Melody, Central City, 14 Others.

2023: IT'S HOW WE ROLL 9 10 1, D E Hogan 11-1 (Henry Oliver), drawn (13), 15 ran.

ATWIXADAY 66-1 (9-9, Darragh Keenan) **Tracked leaders on inside, pushed along over 4f out, weakened over 3f out, soon behind,** last of 11, well behind Camacho Man (9-13) at Lingfield 1m 4f (6) pol 2m 33.40s.
BIG JIMBO 14-1 (9-7, T P Queally) **Started very slowly, held up towards rear, headway on inside tracking leaders 2f out, ridden over 1f out, weakened inside final furlong,** 6th of 11, 6l behind Laser Focus (9-4) at Lingfield 1m 4f hcp (6) gf in May 2m 29.89s.
CENTRAL CITY 16-1 (9-3, Hollie Doyle) **Raced keenly in rear, some headway between horses over 1f out, ridden and no impression in 6th over 1f out,** 6th of 10, 6l behind Trojan Truth (9-9) at Windsor 1m 3f hcp (6) gf 2m 29.79s.
CERTAIN STYLE 15-2 (9-1, Rhys Clutterbuck) **Held up in last pair, headway between horses over 1f out, ridden and stayed on inside final furlong, never going pace to reach leaders,** 4th of 9, 7l behind Laser Focus (8-13) at Windsor 1m 2f hcp (6) gf in May 2m 06.53s.
FOINIX 7-2 (9-9, Oisin Murphy) **Soon tracking leaders out wide, went 2nd inside final 3f, soon ridden, lost 2nd turning in, plugged on in 3rd inside final 100 yards,** 3rd of 11, 1 1/2l behind Camacho Man (9-13) at Lingfield 1m 4f (6) pol 2m 33.40s.
IREZUMI 4-1 (8-9, Charlie Bennett) **Raced keenly tracking leaders out wide, pushed along 3f out, ridden inside final 2f, 4th and no impression when ridden and hung left on camber over 1f out, weakened final furlong,** 6th of 9, 8l behind Eljaytee (8-6) at Brighton 1m 2f hcp 0-60 (6) gd in May 2m 05.97s.
NATIVE MELODY 28-1 (9-0, Rob Hornby) **Slowly into stride, soon recovered to lead, steadied pace halfway, hung left off the rail and ridden 2f out, headed over 1f out, lost 2nd inside final furlong, weakening when hampered inside final 110 yards,** 4th of 10, 4l behind Mujid (9-9) at Windsor 1m 3f hcp (6) gf 2m 29.94s.
PIRANHEER 150-1 (9-6, Callum Hutchinson) **Held up off the pace in last pair, headway into mid-division 3f out, pushed along chasing leaders over 2f out, ridden and stayed on between horses inside final furlong, went 2nd inside final 110 yards, no chance with winner,** 2nd of 11, 1 1/4l behind Camacho Man (9-13) at Lingfield 1m 4f (6) pol 2m 33.40s.
THURSDAY 40-1 (8-11, Tyler Heard) **Held up well off the pace in rear, headway out wide hung left under pressure and stayed on inside final furlong, never going pace to reach leaders,** 4th of 9, 3 1/2l behind Eljaytee (8-6) at Brighton 1m 2f hcp 0-60 (6) gd in May 2m 05.97s.
EXCEPTIONALITY 18-1 (9-3, Billy Loughnane) **Slow into stride, in touch in rear, close up halfway, ridden over 1f out, kept on same pace,** 3rd of 6, 9l behind Marmalade Lady (9-9) at Chepstow 1m 4f hcap (6) gf 2m 41.14s.
GLAD HOPE 250-1 (8-13, William Cox) **In touch, weakened over 2f out,** 12th of 13, 44l behind Harper's Ferry (9-4) at Windsor 1m 2f nov stks (5) gd in Apr 2m 09.23s.
LADY BIRDIE 125-1 (9-0, Hayley Turner) **Forced to race wide in mid-division, ridden 3f out, weakened soon after,** 7th of 9, 23l behind Lady Of Spain (9-2) at Wolverhampton 1m 1f nov stks (4) in Dec 1m 49.58s.
LETMEBETHEBOSS 17-2 (9-6, Nicola Currie) **Soon led edged right after 1f, headed 8f out, tracked leaders, pushed along 3f out, ridden and kept on same pace final furlong,** 3rd of 13, 9l behind Dibble Dabble (9-4) at Leicester 1m 2f 3yo hcp 0-55 (6) gs 2m 11.93s.
PAGAN KING 125-1 (8-9, Darragh Keenan) **Mid-division, lost position over 2f out, soon pushed along, never a threat,** 7th of 10, 11l behind Sun Dancer Girl (9-5) at Lingfield 1m 4f hcp 0-60 (6) pol in May 2m 33.16s.
PLATINUM PERFECT 150-1 (9-0, Benoit D L Sayette) **Held up towards rear, last and struggling from over 4f out,** 6th of 8, 32l behind Blenheim Star (9-11) at Brighton 1m 3yo hcp 0-55 (6) gf 1m 34.36s.
TOP FLIGHT CENTURY 9-4 (9-5, Jack Gilligan) **Led 2f, tracked leader, ridden and every chance over 1f out, stayed on one pace,** 2nd of 6, 2l behind Marmalade Lady (9-9) at Chepstow 1m 4f hcap (6) gf 2m 41.14s.

TOP TEAM'S TIPS

MERIDIAN'S YANKEE
EBONY MAW (3.30 CARLISLE),
CONNIE'S ROSE (3.48 CHEPSTOW),
BAMA LAMA (4.18 CHEPSTOW),
LETTER OF THE LAW (4.55 CHEPSTOW).

KLONDYKE
EDGEWATER DRIVE (2.30 CARLISLE),
RAIN CAP (3.00 CARLISLE),
JKR COBBLER (4.00 CARLISLE).

ROCKAVON (of the Sunday Mail)
HORSE WHISPERER (5.30 WINDSOR).

RECORD RACING

Big winners tipped this week at www.dailyrecord.co.uk/racing

CARLISLE RACING TV.

	GARRY OWEN	PA
2.00	ENDEAVOURYOURDREAM	UNCLE SAM
2.30	EDGEWATER DRIVE (NAP)	KING OF THE JUNGLE
3.00	RAIN CAP	ATOMISE
3.30	EBONY MAW	WHATACRACKER (NAP)
4.00	JKR COBBLER	ARKENSTAAR
4.30	AVIEMORE	ZOFFANDIA
5.00	QUESTIONABLE	QUESTIONABLE

GOING: Soft-Good to Soft in places.
COURSE: Right-handed, undulating pear-shaped course of 1m 5f with a testing uphill finish.
DRAW: Low numbers best

2.00 DOWNLOAD THE RHINO BET APP RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (5) (2-Y-O) Winner £3,726 (9 run) 5f 182yds

1 (8) **A FINE CLARET** K R Burke 9-7 ..... **S James** —
2 (2) **COVERBRIDGE** Phillip Makin 9-7 ..... **R Scott** —
3 (6) **MAYBERRY MOON** M Dods 9-7 ..... **C Beasley** —
4 (9) **MISSIONARY RIDGE** T Easterby 9-7 ..... **S B Kirrane** —
5 (1) **SAXON RAIDER** C Johnston 9-7 ..... **J Fanning** —
6 (5) 9 **STIRRUP CUP** (42) T Easterby 9-7 ..... **D Fentiman** —
7 (7) 7 **UNCLE SAM** (37) K Ryan 9-7 ..... **T Eaves** —
8 (4) **ENDEAVOURYOURDREAM** R Fahey 9-2 ..... **Oisin Orr** —
9 (3) 443 **IWO JIMA** (19) Craig Lidster 9-2 ..... **W Pyle** (5) —

BETTING: 3 A Fine Claret, 7-2 Endeavouryourdream, 4 Saxon Raider, 7 Uncle Sam, 8 Iwo Jima, 10 Mayberry Moon, 14 Stirrup Cup, Coverbridge, 16 Missionary Ridge.
2023: BACK BEFORE DARK 9 2, Sam James 6-1 (G Tuer), drawn (9), 13 ran.

2.30 EURO2024 DAILY GIVEAWAYS ON RHINO.BET HANDICAP (DIV 1) (6) Winner £3,402 (11 run) 5f 182yds

1 (5) -75546 **BALLYARE** (50) (B,T) L Russell 7 10-2 (BF,D[3]) ..... **O McSweeney** (3) **62**
2 (2) 23-625 **DREAM DEAL** (10) (P,T) D Brooke 5 10-1 (BF,D) ..... **J Garritty** 61
3 (8) 670-68 **HOUR BY HOUR** (132) I Jardine 4 10-0 (D) ..... **M Tabti** (5) 60
4 (4) -17142 **KING OF THE JUNGLE** (19) M & D Easterby 4 9-11 ..... **Joanna Mason** 57
5 (7) 7148-7 **ONE OF OUR OWN** (14) R Menzies 4 9-10 (D) ..... **P Mathers** 56
6 (6) 95-705 **MOTAWAAZY** (25) (P) M Dods 8 9-8 (CD) ..... **C Beasley** 54
7 (11) 0379-5 **PARR FIRE** (16) (P) B Haslam 4 9-5 ..... **P Mulrennan** 51
8 (9) 458-21 **MALHAM TARN COVE** (24) (P,T) Steph Hollinshead 5 9-5 (D) ..... **D Costello** 51
9 (1) 070-81 **EDGEWATER DRIVE** (17) (T) W Storey 3 9-3 (CD) ..... **Paula Muir** (3) 56
10 (10) 473345 **BESTIE** (15) (P) A Keatley 3 9-1 ..... **Mark Winn** (3) 54
11 (3) 7040-5 **ALIBI WARNING** (165) R Fahey 3 8-12 ..... **Oisin Orr** 51

BETTING: 9-4 Malham Tarn Cove, 9-2 Edgewater Drive, 5 King Of The Jungle, 7 Bestie, 10 Dream Deal, 12 Alibi Warning, Ballyare, 16 Motawaazy, 20 Others.
2023: GENTLE ELLEN 4 10 0, Joe Fanning 15-2 (D & N Barron), drawn (6), 9 ran.

3.00 EURO2024 DAILY GIVEAWAYS ON RHINO.BET HANDICAP (DIV 2) (6) Winner £3,402 (10 run) 5f 182yds

1 (3) 0-8532 **BELSITO** (7) (P*) K Ryan 4 10-2 ..... **T Eaves** **62**
2 (6) -52475 **THAKI** (7) (T) K Scott 7 10-0 (D[2]) ..... **J Hart** 60
3 (8) 070-23 **ATOMISE** (10) M Dods 5 9-12 (D) ..... **C Beasley** 58
4 (9) 389485 **THE GAY BLADE** (5) I Jardine 5 9-10 (D[2]) ..... **A Mullen** 56
5 (1) 03-032 **RAIN CAP** (9) (V) J Riches 7 9-9 (D[4]) ..... **S B Kirrane** 55
6 (2) -63563 **JOHN KIRKUP** (7) D Thompson 9 9-8 (C[2]) ..... **P Dennis** 54
7 (4) 6-0404 **JAMIE'S CHOICE** (10) T Waggott 4 9-5 ..... **Dale Swift** 51
8 (5) 8-36 **STRIKE RATE** (18) D Bourke 3 9-5 ..... **B Garritty** 58
9 (10) 5-5541 **BATAL DANDY** (14) (P) R Fahey 3 9-3 (D) ..... **Oisin Orr** 56
10 (7) 0-6664 **KYBER CRYSTAL** (16) (T) R Menzies 5 9-0 ..... **Joanna Mason** 44

BETTING: 7-2 Belsito, 4 Batal Dandy, 6 John Kirkup, Atomise, 7 Rain Cap, 8 The Gay Blade, 10 Jamie's Choice, 14 Kyber Crystal, Thaki, 25 Strike Rate.

3.30 DAILY CHARGED UP OFFERS AT RHINO.BET HANDICAP (5) Winner £4,187 (7 run) 1m 6f 32yds

1 (7) -52232 **WHIMSY** (2) A McCann (IRE) 5 9-11 ..... **Oisin Orr** **72**
2 (5) 316-04 **WHATACRACKER** (24) (H) M Walford 4 9-8 (C) **J Garritty** 69
3 (2) 53/53- **KING OF UNICORNS** (352) M Hammond 7 9-5 ..... **B Garritty** 66
4 (4) 9-5212 **EBONY MAW** (19) (T) Ewan Whillans 7 9-3 ..... **R Scott** 64
5 (1) 578-36 **GLASSES UP** (26) R M Smith 9 9-3 (D) ..... **Z Wheatley** (3) 64
6 (6) /5458- **MANUELITO** D Pipe 4 9-2 ..... **T Marquand** 63
7 (3) 466645 **SYCAMORE GAP** (37) (P*) R Menzies 4 8-12 ..... **A Mullen** 59

BETTING: 5-2 Manuelito, 11-4 Ebony Maw, 7-2 Whimsy, 8 Whatacracker, Glasses Up, 10 King Of Unicorns, 14 Sycamore Gap.

WHIMSY 7-1 (9-5, Miss A B O'Connor) **Close up, led 3f out, pushed along and joined from over 1f out, headed inside final furlong,** 2nd of 18, 2 1/4l behind Lord Melbourne (9-13) at York 1m 4f ldy hcp 0-90 (3) gs 2m 37.18s.
WHATACRACKER 11-2 (9-10, Ryan Sexton) **Mid-division, took keen hold, ridden and effort over 2f out, carried left entering final furlong, stayed on same pace,** 4th of 9, 4 1/2l behind Gordon Grey (9-4) at Pontefract 1m 4f hcp 0-70 (5) gd in May 2m 40.92s.
KING OF UNICORNS 6-1 (9-2, Billy Garritty) **Led, pushed along well over 2f out, headed well over 1f out, kept on until no extra final 110 yards,** 3rd of 11, 3 1/2l behind Lexington Knight (9-9) at Newcastle 1m 4f hcp 0-75 (5) in Jul 2m 42.27s.
EBONY MAW 10-1 (8-11, Rowan Scott) **Led, ridden and hard pressed 2f out, headed final 100 yards, kept on,** 2nd of 7, 1/2l behind Two Auld Pals (9-7) at Hamilton 1m 5f hcp 0-75 (5) sft in May 2m 59.91s.
GLASSES UP 11-1 (8-10, P Mathers) **Tracked leaders, ridden 2f out, weakened approaching final furlong,** 6th of 7, 10l behind Pol Roger (9-0) at Ayr 1m 2f hcp 0-80 (4) gf in May 2m 09.59s.
MANUELITO 16-1 (9-7, Jack Tudor) **Prominent, ridden 3f out, weakened from 2f out,** 8th of 9, 19l behind Roaring Legend (9-7) at Salisbury 1m 4f 3yo mdn (5) gf in Jun '23 3m 39.40s.
SYCAMORE GAP 20-1 (9-4, Sam Feilden) **Prominent, pushed along over 2f out, soon ridden along, weakened,** 5th of 7, 11l behind Russian Rumour (9-8) at Nottingham 1m 6f app hcp 0-70 (5) gd in May 3m 02.55s.

4.00 RHINO.BET HOME OF CHARGED UP SPORT HANDICAP (5) Winner £4,187 (10 run) 7f 173yds

1 (4) /317-6 **TOO MUCH** (20) D Thompson 4 9-11 (D) ..... **Rhys Elliott** (7) **72**
2 (3) 5-0949 **FOOLS RUSH IN** (9) (T) R Carr 6 9-11 (D[2]) ..... **JP Sullivan** **72**
3 (10) 51-311 **ARKENSTAAR** (19) M Dods 4 9-10 (D[3]) ..... **C Beasley** 71
4 (6) 4-5906 **DUMFRIES** (15) R Carr 4 9-9 (D) ..... **Joanna Mason** 70
5 (1) 510-93 **ALPINE SIERRA** (14) J Goldie 6 9-7 (D[2]) ..... **P Mulrennan** 68
6 (2) 465487 **HELTER SKELTER** (14) (P) R Menzies 4 9-7 ..... **A Rawlinson** 68
7 (9) -26282 **GOLDEN MELODY** (20) (B') T Easterby 6 9-6 (BF,D[3]) ..... **Oisin Orr** 67
8 (7) 0-3784 **BUSHFIRE** (14) G Tutty 5 9-4 (D[2]) ..... **R Scott** 65
9 (8) 3234-1 **JKR COBBLER** (17) I Jardine 5 9-3 (C) ..... **A Mullen** 64
10 (5) -28087 **ARRANMORE** (9) M Hammond 7 9-2 (CD[2]) ..... **B Garritty** 63

BETTING: 9-4 Arkenstaar, 9-2 Alpine Sierra, 5 Jkr Cobbler, 6 Golden Melody, 8 Helter Skelter, 12 Fools Rush In, Bushfire, 14 Dumfries, 25 Others.
2023: ALBEGREY 4 9 7, David Allan 9-4 Fav (T Easterby), drawn (6), 7 ran.

TOO MUCH 40-1 (9-9, Rhys Elliott) **Awkward start, held up in rear, ridden over 2f out, soon weakened,** last of 6, 20l behind Shifter (9-2) at Redcar 1m 2f flls hcp 0-75 (5) sft in May 2m 23.01s.
FOOLS RUSH IN 14-1 (9-2, L Morris) **Awkward away, towards rear, ridden 2f out, never a factor,** 9th of 13, 9l behind Billyb (9-5) at Beverley 7f hcp 0-80 (4) gf 1m 31.95s.
ARKENSTAAR 15-8fav (9-7, P Mulrennan) **Prominent on outside, keen early, upsides 4f out, ridden to lead 2f out, hard pressed final 100 yards, stayed on well, just held on,** won at Hamilton 1m hcp 0-70 (5) sft in May beating Vellner (9-9) by shd, 7 ran 1m 52.90s.
DUMFRIES 8-1 (9-9, Joanna Mason) **Mid-division, not clear run and hampered 2f out, ridden 1f out, kept on, same pace,** 6th of 9, 6l behind Soames Forsyte (9-4) at Nottingham 1m hcp (5) gd 1m 46.11s.
ALPINE SIERRA 8-1 (8-11, Saxon Raider) **Raced keenly in close 3rd, headway on inside into 2nd over 2f out, ridden over 1f out, strong challenge final furlong, no extra in 3rd towards finish,** 3rd of 10, 1 1/2l behind Boy Douglas (9-3) at Ayr 1m hcp 0-80 (4) gd 1m 39.61s.
HELTER SKELTER 10-3 (10-2, Billy Garritty) **Held up off the pace and always towards rear,** 7th of 10, 5l behind Al Muqdad (10-3) at Ayr 7f hcp 0-70 (5) gd 1m 31.00s.
GOLDEN MELODY 2-1fav (9-8, O J Orr) **Chased leader, ridden and every chance over 1f out, no impression on winner inside final 100 yards,** 2nd of 6, 1l behind Shifter (9-2) at Redcar 1m 2f flls hcp 0-75 (5) sft in May 2m 23.01s.
BUSHFIRE 25-1 (8-7, Rowan Scott) **Held up rear of mid-division, headway over 1f out, soon switched left, kept on, went 4th close home,** 4th of 16, 8l behind Loughville (9-0) at Wetherby 1m 2f hcap (4) gf 2m 04.77s.
JKR COBBLER 12-1 (9-6, D C Costello) **Slowly into stride, held up in last pair, steady headway near side rail from 2f out, strong run inside final furlong, led final strides,** won at Carlisle 7f hcp 0-65 (6) gs in May beating Darbucks (9-4) by shd, 10 ran 1m 28.03s.
ARRANMORE 20-1 (9-11, Aiden Brookes) **Mid-division on outer, pushed along over 2f out, gradually faded,** 7th of 11, 6l behind Patontheback (9-12) at Catterick 7f hcp 0-65 (6) gf 1m 24.01s.

4.30 FOLLOW US ON X AT BETRHINO MAIDEN STAKES (5) Winner £3,780 (13 run) 1m 1f

1 (5) 9 **BOLTON** (18) T Davidson 6 10-2 ..... **P Dennis** —
2 (6) 40 **LESRICO** (27) (H') L Williamson 4 10-2 ..... **Mark Winn** (3) —
3 (8) **CRAFTY DANCER** K Scott 4 9-11 ..... **S James** —
4 (10) 02 **AVIEMORE** (18) C Johnston 3 9-5 ..... **F Norton** —
5 (2) 332 **CONDOR PASA** (38) R Varian 3 9-5 ..... **J Mitchell** **83**
6 (1) 39 **DUBAI FIRST** (20) R Fahey 3 9-5 ..... **Oisin Orr** —
7 (9) 44 **MELON** (20) O Greenall & J Guerriero 3 9-5 ..... **B Robinson** —
8 (13) 6- **MIX DE GRIS** (297) L Russell 3 9-5 ..... **J Hart** —
9 (7) 7- **SOMETHING** (247) J O'Keeffe 3 9-5 ..... **J Garritty** —
10 (12) 28 **UNIQUE SPIRIT** (20) D O'Meara 3 9-5 (BF) **P Mulrennan** —
11 (7) 04 **UNREGULATED** (10) M & D Easterby 3 9-5 ..... **B Garritty** —
12 (4) 4 **ZOFFANDIA** (27) W Haggas 3 9-5 ..... **T Marquand** —
13 (11) 3- **QAMARI** (213) J Tate 3 9-0 ..... **C Lee** —

BETTING: 15-8 Condor Pasa, 4 Zoffandia, 9-2 Qamari, 5 Aviemore, 8 Unique Spirit, 16 Melon, 20 Dubai First, 25 Something, 33 Others.

5.00 FOLLOW RHINO.BET ON INSTAGRAM FILLIES' HANDICAP (5) (3-Y-O) Winner £4,187 (11 run) 6f 195yds

1 (11) 6542 **QUESTIONABLE** (24) D & C Kubler 9-11 ..... **T Marquand** **70**
2 (2) 2323 **MOSTAR DREAMS** (23) I Jardine 9-10 ..... **A Mullen** 69
3 (8) 416133 **BLUFFERONTHEBUS** (17) Craig Lidster 9-7 (C) **S James** 66
4 (10) 6-46 **BEGUILING** (28) T Easterby 9-5 ..... **D Fentiman** 64
5 (5) -32926 **BERRYGATE** (20) E Bethell 9-5 (BF) ..... **C Rodriguez** 64
6 (3) 6-3853 **BUTTERCROSS FLYER** (20) Craig Lidster 9-4 (D) ..... **W Pyle** (5) 63
7 (4) 44-069 **OAKLAND PRINCESS** (36) K R Burke 9-3 ..... **C Lee** 62
8 (1) 7-40 **ROMANTIC TALE** (61) G Boughey 9-2 ..... **J Hart** 61
9 (9) 690- **GREYCEE BELL** (178) (P*) T Dascombe 8-12 ..... **A Rawlinson** 57
10 (6) 643-90 **VERACIDAD** (17) (B) A McCann (IRE) 8-10 ..... **F Norton** 55
11 (7) 800- **ON THE SHERBET** (220) B Haslam 8-4 ..... **JP Sullivan** 42

BETTING: 11-4 Questionable, 9-2 Romantic Tale, 6 Berrygate, 7 Blufferonthebus, 8 Mostar Dreams, 10 Beguiling, 12 Buttercross Flyer, Oakland Princess, 14 Others.
2023: PLATINUM GIRL 9 5, Sean Kirrane(3) 7-2 (T Easterby), drawn (6), 8 ran.

QUESTIONABLE 12-1 (9-6, Jim Crowley) **Chased leaders, took keen hold, steadied after 1f, not much room over 2f out, headway when not much room over 1f out, challenged inside final furlong, just held near finish,** 2nd of 10, shd behind Miaswell (9-8) at Haydock 1m hcp (5) sft in May 1m 46.00s.
MOSTAR DREAMS 9-2 (9-2, F Norton) **Prominent, pushed along and made no impression 2f out, lost 2nd inside final furlong,** 3rd of 4, 22l behind Fair Point (9-2) at Chester 7f 3yo fll stks (4) gd in May 1m 30.48s.
BLUFFERONTHEBUS 4-1 (8-7, Tom Kiely-Marshall) **Bobbled leaving stalls, held up in last pair, closer on inside 3f out, ridden inside final 2f, went remote 3rd final furlong,** 3rd of 5, 8l behind Test Of Love (9-9) at Carlisle 1m 3yo hcp 0-75 (5) gs in May 1m 40.11s.
BEGUILING 33-1 (8-13, D Fentiman) **Towards rear, ridden halfway, some headway 2f out, never nearer,** 6th of 11, 17l behind Paborus (9-9) at Carlisle 7f nov mdn stks (5) gf in May 1m 24.46s.
BERRYGATE 7-2fav (9-9, D Tudhope) **Held up in touch, driven over 1f out, one pace and no impression final furlong,** 6th of 10, 6l behind Alfie Boy (9-8) at Redcar 7f 3yo hcp 0-65 (6) sft in May 1m 27.47s.
BUTTERCROSS FLYER 9-2 (9-3, William Pyle) **Tracked leaders near side of centre, pushed along to chase winner 3f out, ridden and kept on one pace,** 3rd of 8, 8l behind Indication Court (8-7) at Leicester 7f 3yo clm (5) hvy in May 1m 28.84s.
OAKLAND PRINCESS 12-1 (8-8, S H James) **Chased leaders, ridden and outpaced over 2f out, soon weakened,** last of 9, 11l behind Cross The Tracks (9-9) at Newcastle 6f 3yo hcp 0-80 (4) in May 1m 11.75s.
ROMANTIC TALE 150-1 (8-9, Grace McEntee) **Close up, pushed along and weakened 2f out,** 11th of 13, 15l behind Sir Les Patterson (9-10) at Kempton 7f nov stk (5) pol in Apr 1m 25.37s.
GREYCEE BELL 150-1 (9-2, L P Keniry) **Always in rear,** 11th of 12, 14l behind Queues Likely (9-5) at Wolverhampton 7f (4) in Dec 1m 28.51s.
VERACIDAD 16-1 (9-1, L T McAteer) **Very slowly into stride and soon detached, always rear, never a factor,** 11th of 12, 13l behind She's Smart (9-1) at Down Royal 5f 3yo hcp gd in May 1m 01.05s.
ON THE SHERBET 150-1 (9-2, A Mullen) **Midfield, ridden over 2f out, soon beaten,** last of 10, 12l behind Filly One (9-2) at Newcastle 6f (5) in Nov 1m 15.95s.

CHEPSTOW SKY SPORTS RACING.

	GARRY OWEN	PA
2.18	BEAUTIFUL CROWN	SKY DANCER
2.48	STOCKPYLE	STOCKPYLE
3.18	FEERAAS	FEERAAS (NB)
3.48	CONNIE'S ROSE	DOLLY GRAY
4.18	BAMA LAMA	BAMA LAMA
4.55	LETTER OF THE LAW	BOBACIOUS

GOING: Good to Soft.
COURSE: Left-handed, undulating, oval track of 2m, which joins the straight course 5f from home. All races up to a mile run on the straight course.
DRAW: High numbers best in big fields on the straight course.

2.18 BJLLEWELLYN RACING AMATEUR JOCKEYS' HANDICAP (6) Winner £2,926 (10 run) 1m 2f

1 (1) 4370-1 **BEAUTIFUL CROWN** (7) Jack Jones 6 11-7 (D[2]) ..... **Mr E Cagney** (3) **60**
2 (5) 234570 **SEA OF CHARM** (40) (V) G Nicholls 6 11-2 (D) ..... **Mr William Dunlop** (7) **60**
3 (6) 627775 **MR BOSON** (20) (H,T) Mr W G Harrison 4 11-1 ..... **Mr Jack Nicholls** (5) 59
4 (7) 588348 **CITY ESCAPE** (24) (B,E) M Loughnane 7 10-12 (D[3]) ..... **Miss Tilly Evans** (5) 56
5 (8) 1-2674 **BREGUET BOY** (50) (B) A Watson 7 10-11 (D) ..... **Miss B Hampson** 55
6 (10) 85/6 **AL WASL DREAM** (17) (V) B J Llewellyn 4 10-11 ..... **Mr Patrick Millman** 55
7 (2) 133275 **MOON OVER THE SEA** (21) A Carroll 5 10-9 ..... **Miss S Bowen** (3) 53
8 (9) 90/225 **SKY DANCER** (95) Mrs N Evans 4 10-9 (BF) ..... **Miss Amy Tucker** (7) 53
9 (4) 45369/ **KEEPER** C Dyson 6 10-8 ..... **Mr Freddie Keighley** (7) 52
10 (3) -49006 **ZAMBEZI MAGIC** (24) B J Llewellyn 7 10-5 (D[3]) ..... **Miss Jessica Llewellyn** (5) 49

BETTING: 13-8 Beautiful Crown, 9-2 Breguet Boy, 7 Sky Dancer, Moon Over The Sea, 10 Mr Boson, Zambezi Magic, 12 City Escape, 14 Sea Of Charm, 25 Others.

2.48 PLAN A CONSULTING HANDICAP (5) Winner £3,716 (7 run) 1m 14yds

1 (4) 48-421 **STOCKPYLE** (5) W Muir & C Grassick 5 9-9 (C,D) ..... **Jack Doughty** (7) **75**
2 (7) 120-30 **OPTIVA STAR** (47) (H) R Hannon 4 9-8 (D) ..... **J Leavy** (5) 74
3 (5) -21100 **GREEN POWER** (21) J Gallagher 9 9-6 (D[3]) ..... **S D Bowen** (5) 72
4 (6) 4475-5 **MACS DILEMMA** (50) (P) J G O'Shea 6 9-6 (C[4]) ..... **Georgia Dobie** (3) 72
5 (1) 2/45-8 **HADLEY PARK** (74) (P) Joe Ponting 4 9-4 (D) ..... **W Cox** 70
6 (2) 47920- **MICKS DREAM** (251) D Faulkner 6 9-0 (BF) ..... **Gina Mangan** (3) 66
7 (3) 7U9110 **RACING DEMON** (14) (H) E De Giles 4 8-13 (CD[2]) ..... **G Rooke** 65

BETTING: 11-10 Stockpyle, 5 Optiva Star, 11-2 Racing Demon, 7 Micks Dream, 10 Macs Dilemma, 12 Green Power, 16 Hadley Park.

STOCKPYLE 11-4fav (9-9, Jack Doughty) **Keen early, made all, pressed for lead over 2f out where travelling best, soon ridden and went clear, 2 lengths ahead entering final furlong, kept on well inside final furlong, diminishing advantage near finish but always holding on,** won at Kempton 1m app hcp 0-75 (5) pol beating Dembe (9-12) by 3/4l, 11 ran 1m 38.79s.
OPTIVA STAR 40-1 (8-12, Joe Leavy) **Disputed lead early, chased leaders, ridden 2f out, soon beaten,** 13th of 14, 22l behind Whitcombe Rockstar (9-2) at Kempton 1m hcap (4) pol in May 1m 37.82s.
GREEN POWER 50-1 (9-2, Rhys Clutterbuck) **Held up towards rear, behind and struggling 2f out, never on terms,** last of 11, 22l behind Azahara Palace (9-3) at Leicester 1m hcp 0-80 (4) gs in May 1m 46.10s.
MACS DILEMMA 14-1 (8-9, Gina Mangan) **Unruly and loose before start, towards rear, headway to be prominent halfway, pushed along and weakened over 2f out,** 5th of 8, 7l behind Law Supreme (8-9) at Bath 1m hcp 0-85 (4) sft in Apr 1m 44.57s.
HADLEY PARK 200-1 (9-1, Charles Bishop) **Squeezed out start, off the pace in 5th, pushed along and outpaced over 2f out, soon behind,** last of 8, 14l behind Woodstock (9-6) at Wolverhampton 7f hcp 0-80 (4) in Apr 1m 28.03s.
MICKS DREAM 9-2fav (9-11, Billy Loughnane) **Dwelt, rear mid-division, pushed along halfway, behind over 1f out,** 10th of 12, 9l behind Shark Two One (9-1) at Leicester 7f hcap (5) gs in Oct 1m 24.86s.
RACING DEMON 13-2 (8-13, George Rooke) **Slowly into stride, held up in last trio, never a factor, tailed off,** 12th of 13, 6l behind Siam Fox (9-10) at Windsor 1m hcp 0-75 (5) gf 1m 42.37s.

3.18 VICKERS.BET EBF MAIDEN STAKES (4) (2-Y-O) Winner £5,211 (5 run) 6f 16yds

1 (2) 3 **FEERAAS** (32) A Watson 9-7 ..... **H Doyle** —
2 (1) 43 **HOFBURG** (10) R Hannon 9-7 ..... **Alec Voikhansky** (3) —
3 (5) 5 **RAN AMOK** (20) (T*) H Palmer 9-7 ..... **J Leavy** (5) —
4 (4) **SOLAR EDGE** C Mason 9-7 ..... **Gina Mangan** (3) —
5 (3) 6 **WAKING DREAM** (7) R Beckett 9-2 ..... **H Crouch** —

BETTING: 13-8 Feeraas, 5-2 Hofburg, 3 Waking Dream, 6 Ran Amok, 20 Solar Edge.
2023: NOO POINT 9 7, Joshua Bryan 15-2 (A Watson), drawn (6), 6 ran.

FEERAAS 11-2 (9-7, Joshua Bryan) **Led on rail and hung left most of way, awkward at crossing over 5f out, hung left and headed inside final 2f, weakened and lost 2nd final furlong,** 3rd of 8, 7l behind Symbol Of Honour (9-7) at Lingfield 6f 2yo mdn (4) gf in May 1m 09.81s.
HOFBURG 13-2 (9-7, S M Levey) **Keen tracked leaders, pushed along over 1f out, ridden and kept on same pace inside final furlong,** 3rd of 7, 7l behind Seagulls Eleven (9-7) at Haydock 7f 2yo nov stk (4) gf 1m 26.37s.
RAN AMOK 14-1 (9-7, James Doyle) **Slowly away, in touch, pushed along 2f out, kept on inside final furlong,** 5th of 9, 8l behind Santa Savana (9-2) at Leicester 6f 2yo mdn (4) gs in May 1m 15.47s.
SOLAR EDGE Havana Grey colt out of Heavenly Edge.
WAKING DREAM 12-1 (9-2, Hector Crouch) **Midfield, pushed along over 2f out, ridden and kept on from over 1f out, never going pace to challenge,** 6th of 11, 9l behind Celandine (9-2) at Windsor 6f 2yo fll nov stks (4) gf 1m 12.44s.

3.48 DOWNLOAD THE VICKERS.BET APP HANDICAP (5) Winner £3,716 (9 run) 6f 16yds

1 (6) 12401- **DOLLY GRAY** (276) D Loughnane 5 9-11 (D) ..... **Laura Pearson** **77**
2 (3) /2217- **ALBERT CEE** (226) James Owen 4 9-9 (D) ..... **S D Bowen** (5) 75
3 (2) 822212 **CONNIE'S ROSE** (10) (P) G Harris 5 9-8 (BF,CD) ..... **C Hutchinson** (3) 74
4 (7) 6700-6 **COCO BEAR** (63) (P) P Chamings 6 9-8 (D[6]) ..... **H Doyle** 74
5 (5) 2-0956 **PUNCHBOWL FLYER** (17) (B) J G O'Shea 7 9-6 (CD) ..... **Georgia Dobie** (3) 72
6 (9) 211583 **GLAMOROUS EXPRESS** (19) (T) A Carroll 5 9-4 (D[3]) ..... **Jack Doughty** (7) 70
7 (8) 0-2201 **ON EDGE** (7) (P) C Mason 6 9-4 (CD[2]) ..... **Gina Mangan** (3) 70
8 (4) -95923 **INANNA** (14) (P*) Brian Toomey 4 8-7 ..... **C Hardie** 59
9 (1) /65432 **HOWZAK** (9) D Faulkner 6 8-7 (D) ..... **W Cox** 59

BETTING: 4 On Edge, 9-2 Connie's Rose, 5 Inanna, 6 Dolly Gray, 7 Albert Cee, 8 Howzak, 10 Glamorous Express, Coco Bear, 12 Punchbowl Flyer.

DOLLY GRAY 6-1 (9-9, Stefano Cherchi) **Made all, ridden and ran on,** won at Sandown 5f hcp 0-75 (5) gd in Sep beating Four Adaay (9-9) by 1 1/2l, 11 ran 1m 01.03s.
ALBERT CEE 7-1 (9-4, K Shoemark) **In touch, pushed along and headway 2f out, ridden and kept on same pace final furlong,** 7th of 16, 5l behind Momaer (9-6) at Newmarket 6f hcp 0-80 (4) hvy in Nov 1m 16.50s.
CONNIE'S ROSE 7-2fav (10-0, Callum Hutchinson) **Led, ridden over 1f out, headed inside final furlong, no impression on winner towards finish,** 2nd of 9, 1 3/4l behind Rhythmic Acclaim (9-6) at Goodwood 6f app fls hcp (5) gd 1m 12.31s.
COCO BEAR 6-1 (9-0, Saffie Osborne) **Keen tracked leader, ridden and every chance over 1f out, weakened inside final furlong,** 6th of 11, 4 1/2l behind Bishop's Crown (9-3) at Windsor 6f hcp 0-85 (4) gd in Apr 1m 10.21s.
PUNCHBOWL FLYER 10-1 (9-3, Georgia Dobie) **Prominent, pushed along over 2f out, no extra final 100 yards,** last of 6, 2 1/4l behind Albegone (8-13) at Catterick 5f hcap (4) gs in May 1m 01.12s.
GLAMOROUS EXPRESS 18-1 (8-2, Jack Doughty) **Slowly into stride and bumped start, off the pace towards rear, good headway on inside 2f out, ran on in 3rd inside final furlong, never going pace to challenge,** 3rd of 11, 1 3/4l behind Change Sings (9-8) at Kempton 6f hcp 0-85 (4) pol in May 1m 11.50s.
ON EDGE 5-1 (9-11, Gina Mangan) **Front rank towards centre, outpaced and lost ground after 2f, ridden along over 1f out, switched right and headway inside final furlong, kept on strongly to lead final strides,** won at Windsor 5f app hcap (5) gf beating Safari Dream (9-6) by nk, 10 ran 59.42s.
INANNA 3-1 (9-9, J Fanning) **Raced keenly, led, ridden over 1f out, headed inside final furlong, no extra towards finish,** 3rd of 9, 2 1/4l behind Eminent Jewel (9-5) at Wetherby 7f hcap (5) gd 1m 25.57s.
HOWZAK 11-2 (9-9, William Cox) **Prominent, ridden 2f out, ran on,** 2nd of 6, 3 1/2l behind Jacquelina (10-7) at Chepstow 5f hcp 0-60 (6) gf 58.06s.

4.18 BEST PRICES GUARANTEED DAILY AT VICKERS.BET HANDICAP (6) Winner £2,983 (16 run) 6f 16yds

1 (11) -78331 **BAMA LAMA** (9) B Millman 6 9-9 (CD[2]) ..... **O Searle** (5) **55**
2 (6) -14151 **HANNAH'S RETURN** (39) (P) G Brown 5 9-9 (D[3]) ..... **Doubtful** **55**
3 (5) 2548-0 **PORTERINTHEJUNGLE** (9) D Faulkner 8 9-8 (C) ..... **Taylor Fisher** (3) 54
4 (14) 228425 **DIAMONDSINTHESAND** (9) (H) A Wintle 7 9-8 (BF) ..... **C Hardie** 54
5 (16) -45061 **GLOBAL EFFORT** (13) P McEntee 4 9-8 (D) ..... **Josephine Gordon** 54
6 (15) 148653 **SAVANNAH SMILES** (17) (P) G Harris 4 9-8 (D[3]) ..... **C Hutchinson** (3) 54
7 (8) 475091 **ONE HART** (9) (B) D Donovan 7 9-8 (D[2]) ..... **T P Queally** 54
8 (9) 147358 **SISTERS IN THE SKY** (9) (P) G Harris 5 9-5 (D[2]) ..... **H Doyle** 51
9 (10) 88-008 **ISHANI** (9) (T,V') M Hunt 5 9-4 ..... **R Clutterbuck** 50
10 (4) 183074 **PORT NOIR** (9) (T) R Stephens 7 9-4 (CD) ..... **S D Bowen** (5) 50
11 (3) 0-4486 **MINTANA** (10) H Evans 4 9-2 (D) ..... **J Leavy** (5) 48
12 (7) 90-899 **MISS BILLIE** (25) M Wigham 4 9-0 ..... **H Crouch** 44
13 (13) 694525 **LOUIS TREIZE** (9) (H,P) D Faulkner 8 9-0 (CD) ..... **Zoe Lewis** (7) 44
14 (1) 68-955 **DESTINY'S SPIRIT** (20) (P) D F Davis 4 9-0 (C) ..... **Gina Mangan** (3) 42
15 (12) 767980 **MUSAYTIR** (42) (V) G Harris 6 9-0 (D) ..... **E Greatrex** 41
16 (2) /549-9 **GLAMOROUS STAR** (164) A Carroll 4 9-0 ..... **Jack Doughty** (7) 38

BETTING: 9-2 Bama Lama, 5 One Hart, 6 Diamondsinthesand, Global Effort, 7 Port Noir, 12 Sisters In The Sky, Savannah Smiles, 14 Mintana, Louis Treize, 16 Others.
2023: SAVALAS 8 9 3, Finley Marsh 10-1 (A Wintle), drawn (4), 10 ran.

4.55 VICKERS.BET WEEKLY FREE BET CLUB HANDICAP (6) Winner £2,983 (10 run) 1m 14yds

1 (8) 6000-6 **BOBBY DASSLER** (152) Mrs L Mongan 5 9-10 (D) ..... **R Clutterbuck** **56**
2 (2) 2-6270 **GALACTIC GLOW** (24) (P) J Tickle 7 9-10 ..... **Taylor Fisher** (3) **56**
3 (1) 36-290 **AMERICAN ROSE** (51) H Evans 4 9-9 ..... **J Leavy** (5) 55
4 (5) 6375 **BOBACIOUS** (10) G Nicholls 4 9-9 ..... **J Bryan** 55
5 (9) 88-784 **THEWAYTOTHESTARS** (9) (P) G Harris 5 9-7 (D) ..... **C Hutchinson** (3) 53
6 (4) 8709-9 **DOURADO** (20) (V) P Chamings 10 9-7 (D[3]) ..... **H Doyle** 53
7 (6) 35-481 **KALAMA SUNRISE** (9) (P) J Channon 4 9-2 (CD) ..... **E Greatrex** 48
8 (7) 0-5242 **LETTER OF THE LAW** (9) (B) J G O'Shea 5 9-1 (D) ..... **Georgia Dobie** (3) 47
9 (10) 52-696 **DOONBEG FARMER** (9) G Brown 6 9-0 (D) ..... **Doubtful** 45
10 (3) -62357 **RAINBOW SIGN** (43) (T) M Pattinson 6 9-0 ..... **C Hardie** 44

BETTING: 9-4 Kalama Sunrise, 11-4 Letter Of The Law, 6 Thewaytothestars, 8 Bobacious, 10 Galactic Glow, American Rose, 14 Bobby Dassler, 16 Rainbow Sign, 20 Others.
2023: KENSTONE 10 9 4, B Loughnane(3) 7-1 (A Wintle), drawn (6), 9 ran.

RACING RESULTS

DONCASTER
Going: Good

2.10: 1, AL MUQDAD (D Nolan) 7-2 Fav; **2, Finbar's Lad** 4-1; **3, Charencey** 9-2. 9 ran. nk, 1l. (D O'Meara). Tote: Win £4.50; Pl £1.60, £1.70, £1.80. Exacta: £19.40. Tricast: £63.10. Trifecta: £87.30. CSF: £17.35. NR: Deputy.

2.40: 1, SNAZZY JAZZY (Dale Swift) 12-1; **2, Cue's Beau** 13-2; **3, Lahab** 6-1. Also: 7-2 Fav Buckshaw Village. 9 ran. ¾l, ½l. (S Spencer). Tote: Win £14.70; Pl £3.20, £2.30, £2.20. Exacta: £109.00. Tricast: £517.05. Trifecta: £765.20. CSF: £85.83. NR: Algheed.

3.10: 1, WOLF OF BADENOCH (J P Spencer) 15-2; **2, Lazy Griff** 8-1; **3, Sir Paul Ramsey** 14-1. Also: 11-10 Fav Cabelleroso. 9 ran. 1½l, nk. (H Palmer). Tote: Win £8.50; Pl £2.20, £2.00, £3.20. Exacta: £44.80. Trifecta: £439.20. CSF: £62.07. NR: Tilted Kilt.

3.40: 1, OXFORD COMMA (H Crouch) 7-2; **2, Hosaamm** 10-11 Fav; **3, Inner Peace** 8-1. 12 ran. 3l, 1l. (R Beckett). Tote: Win £4.50; Pl £1.50, £1.20, £2.20. Exacta: £7.50. Trifecta: £32.00. CSF: £7.06.

4.10: 1, SOCIETY LION (D Muscutt) 18-1; **2, Utilis** 11-1; **3, Al Marmar** 10-1. Also: 4-1 Fav Great Max. 11 ran. 1¼l, nk. (E Dunlop). Tote: Win £19.00; Pl £3.80, £3.70, £3.40. Exacta: £267.00. Tricast: £1378.27. Trifecta: £3296.50. CSF: £202.81. NR: City Of York, Harswell Duke, Lady Of Arabia, Rogue Sea, Speriamo.

4.40: 1, AMAZING WINNIE (Louise Akehurst) 14-1; **2, Forgotten Treasure** 11-2; **3, Big Blue Boy** 17-2. Also: 3-1 Fav Eagle Landed. 10 ran. ½l, nk. (K Ryan). Tote: Win £21.00; Pl £4.80, £1.90, £2.90. Exacta: £146.80. Tricast: £722.55. Trifecta: £1040.70. CSF: £90.20. NR: Nasneen, Profiteer.

5.10: 1, KURIMU (S De Sousa) 7-2; **2, Borderline Boss** 9-4 Fav; **3, Dollarindex** 22-1. 10 ran. ½l, hd. (C Dwyer). Tote: Win £4.50; Pl £1.40, £1.40, £4.90. Exacta: £15.00. Tricast: £148.65. Trifecta: £238.10. CSF: £11.87. NR: Badosa, Stars Away.

5.40: 1, WARRENDALE WAGYU (G Sanna) 12-1; **2, Marcus** 28-1; **3, Ifonlytheycudtalk** 16-1. Also: 7-2 Fav Showboated. 12 ran. 1l, ¾l. (J & S Quinn). Tote: Win £14.20; Pl £4.00, £5.10, £4.40. Exacta: £300.10. Tricast: £3918.38. Trifecta: £4004.40. CSF: £261.26. NR: Stoneacre Girl. Stoneacre Girll Rule 4 applies to All Bets, deduct 10p in the pound.

Placepot: £2,762.40. **Quadpot:** £249.60.

SALISBURY
Going: Good to firm-good in places

2.25: 1, TRES CHIC (Shariq Mohd) 17-2; **2, Rothay Park** 13-2; **3, Clear Aim** 16-1. Also: 9-4 Fav Orbital. 9 ran. 1¾l, nk. (J S Moore). Tote: Win £11.20; Pl £1.90, £4.70, £2.80. Exacta: £64.50. Tricast: £866.30. Trifecta: £595.40. CSF: £61.75.

2.55: 1, PUMALIN PARK (S Osborne) 7-2 Fav; **2, Sayifyouwill** 9-2; **3, Snuggle** 14-1. 9 ran. nk, ns. (Sir M Stoute). Tote: Win £4.50; Pl £1.70, £1.70, £2.70. Exacta: £21.20. Tricast: £196.77. Trifecta: £239.10. CSF: £19.48.

3.25: 1, NEW KINGS ROAD (S M Levey) 7-2; **2, Never Dream** 10-3; **3, Hello Cotai** 7-2. Also: 2-1 Fav Beach Point. 7 ran. 1½l, ½l. (R Hannon). Tote: Win £4.60; Pl £2.20, £2.20. Exacta: £18.80. Tricast: £42.37. Trifecta: £53.40. CSF: £15.31. NR: Timebar.

4.00: 1, AN OUTLAW'S GRACE (S M Levey) 15-8 Fav; **2, Aysgarth** 4-1; **3, Chelsea Embankment** 16-1. 8 ran. 1¼l, ½l. (R Hannon). Tote: Win £2.88; Pl £1.30, £1.40, £2.40. Exacta: £10.30. Trifecta: £54.60. CSF: £9.34.

4.30: 1, EJAABIYAH (James Doyle) 2-5 Fav; **2, Catch The Light** 17-2; **3, Domaine Des Combes** 22-1. 7 ran. 4¾l, 3¼l. (R Varian). Tote: Win £1.40; Pl £1.10, £2.60. Exacta: £4.90. Trifecta: £30.80. CSF: £4.59. NR: Galaxy Princess, Matwana.

5.00: 1, EXPERT WITNESS (G Rooke) 2-1 Fav; **2, God Of Fire** 9-2; **3, Chips And Rice** 9-2. 9 ran. 1¼l, 1¾l. (Sir M Todd). Tote: Win £3.00; Pl £1.30, £2.00, £1.80. Exacta: £12.90. Tricast: £35.49. Trifecta: £51.80. CSF: £10.72.

5.30: 1, TARITINO (Taylor Fisher) 5-4 Fav; **2, Wilderness** 20-1; **3, Rebel Angel** 10-1. 7 ran. 2¼l, nk. (J Tickle). Tote: Win £2.25; Pl £1.20, £7.20. Exacta: £25.90. Tricast: £173.15. Trifecta: £199.80. CSF: £27.78. NR: Masqool.

Placepot: £79.40. **Quadpot:** £6.10.

THIRSK
Going: Good to soft-good in places

3.45: 1, ALICE FAIRFAX (T Eaves) 5-1; **2, Miss Hathaway** 16-1; **3, Beronia** 3-1 Fav. 13 ran. hd, 1¼l. (K Ryan). Tote: Win £6.00; Pl £2.10, £3.90, £1.60. Exacta: £86.30. Trifecta: £339.90. CSF: £77.12. NR: Baileys Honeymoon, Go On Rosie.

4.15: 1, TELEMARK (J Mitchell) 11-2; **2, Longhaired General** 7-1; **3, Cargin Bhui** 8-1. Also: 9-2 JtFav Diligent Resdev, 9-2 JtFav Burdett. 10 ran. 1l, 1l. (S & E Crisford). Tote: Win £6.50; Pl £2.20, £2.30, £2.10. Exacta: £43.10. Tricast: £315.54. Trifecta: £278.60. CSF: £42.45. NR: Our Havana, Paborus, Topanga.

4.45: 1, MERESIDE DIVA (C Rodriguez) 11-4; **2, Mezzo Soprano** 6-4 Fav; **3, Zapphire** 13-2. 6 ran. ½l, 3l. (D & N Barron). Tote: Win £3.75; Pl £1.70, £1.40. Exacta: £7.90. Trifecta: £31.20. CSF: £7.17.

5.15: 1, ALIGN THE STARS (J Fanning) 4-1; **2, Hampden** 9-1; **3, Too Bossy For Us** 3-1 Fav. 11 ran. 2¼l, hd. (C Johnston). Tote: Win £5.10; Pl £3.20, £1.50, £1.60. Exacta: £45.10. Tricast: £122.94. Trifecta: £181.40. CSF: £37.45. NR: Extra Beat.

5.45: 1, AMERICAN AFFAIR (Amie Waugh) 6-1; **2, Lethal Nymph** 9-1; **3, Jer Batt** 9-1; **4, Fair Wind** 4-1 Fav. 16 ran. 1l, 1¼l, 1l. (J Goldie). Tote: Win £7.70; Pl £2.00, £2.50, £2.60, £1.60. Exacta: £70.30. Tricast: £503.45. Trifecta: £480.90. CSF: £60.34. NR: Tatterstall.

6.15: 1, LETSBEFRANK (Amie Waugh) 4-1 Fav; **2, Rathgar** 11-2; **3, Artisan Dancer** 50-1. 15 ran. 1½l, ¾l. (J Goldie). Tote: Win £5.10; Pl £2.20, £2.50, £12.90. Exacta: £35.50. Tricast: £1002.49. Trifecta: £1449.10. CSF: £25.06.

6.45: 1, GLORY HYDE (Billy Loughnane) 20-1; **2, It's Showtime** 12-1; **3, Zaphea** 28-1; **4, Northern Prince** 28-1. Also: 11-2 Fav Alfa Moonstone. 19 ran. ¾l, nk, hd. (R Fell & S Murray). Tote: Win £25.00; Pl £5.10, £3.00, £7.90, £5.90. Exacta: £354.00. Tricast: £6801.84. Trifecta: £3402.60. CSF: £245.64.

Jackpot: Not won, pool of £13,238.25 carried over to Windsor.
Placepot: £54.20. **Quadpot:** £5.30.

GOLF US OPEN

I FINALLY GOT A STROKE OF LUCK

England's Fitzpatrick delighted with final-day 69

CHANGE OF FORTUNES Fitzpatrick felt he got some breaks in his final round of 69 after a horror 79

FROM **ANDREW GAMBLE** AT PINEHURST

MATT FITZPATRICK ended a frustrating US Open campaign on a high with a below-par final 18 holes attributed to 'luck'.

Two years on from a career-defining victory at Brookline, Fitzpatrick carded a fine one-under 69 to end a disappointing week at 13-over. He was all smiles during his finest round but said nothing differed from a third-round 79 plagued by inconsistent ball striking.

"Luck. That's why I played better – I got lucky bounces," Fitzpatrick said. "Today I hit some iron shots that stayed on the green and made a few putts.

"It's been like that all week. It was just a bit firmer yesterday."

Fitzpatrick bears no ill will toward the treacherous greens that have hogged headlines all week. He lamented the need for precision from irons for success, which isn't his 'strong suit'.

To comprehend the play of the contenders as they navigate the challenge posed by Pinehurst No. 2, Fitzpatrick said the course must be seen to be believed: "It's a good test, you have to give good golf shots. I watched Bryson play very, very well and deserve his score. I watched Rory also.

"I watched a lot of good golf shots and that's why they are where they are. They hit good golf shots and made the putts to go with them. That's the aim of the game. But you just have to be very precise and it can make you look silly.

"It's great for TV because I'm a player myself, I'm laughing at myself when people putt it up and over the green and it doesn't stay on. It's hard to do it justice when people at home haven't been here to understand the difficulty of it. I think TV has done a half-decent job of explaining that."

While there is debate over the course's difficulty, Fitzpatrick prefers the set-up over the USPGA Championship, won by Xander Schauffele at Valhalla last month.

"It's a much better test than the USPGA set-up. I feel like the USPGAs tend to be similar, you know what you're getting, which is great to be fair," he said.

"But when you come to places like this you've got to do your homework and think your way around a little bit more."

Meanwhile, world No.1 Scottie Scheffler (below) – who failed to card an under-par round this week – posted a 72 to finish eight-over. Five-time major champion Brooks Koepka capped his turbulent week with an even-par 70.



> It's good TV. I laugh at myself when people struggle with putts
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> **MATT FITZPATRICK** IS HONEST ABOUT HIS STRUGGLES AT PINEHURST OVER FOUR TOUGH ROUNDS

CHAMP CHRIS SHOWS WHO'S BOSC



DREAMS Chris Billiam-Smith

SPORT

CHRIS BILLAM-SMITH will head to "Bosc Vegas" this morning – dreaming his next stop will be the real thing.

The WBO cruiserweight champion, who retained his title against Richard Riakporhe at Selhurst Park on Saturday night, is eyeing a trip to Sin City to face Gilberto Ramirez. From Bosc Vegas to Las Vegas," said Billam-Smith, 33, referring to locals' affectionate name for the Boscombe area in his beloved hometown of Bournemouth.

The Cherries fan had his professional debut at the O2 Academy in the south coast town and won the WBO title by beating Lawrence Okolie at the Vitality Stadium there.

His favourite breakfast spot – Cafe Basconova – will be visited this morning as he sets his sights on a unification clash against WBA champion "Zurdo" Ramirez in Las Vegas.

He said: "I'll be there for the pancakes. I always thought 'Imagine if I fought in Vegas. We could call the documentary Bosc Vegas to Las Vegas.

"This is boxing, anything can happen. I just want to go to America, I'm not a prima donna, I'm not saying where I will and won't fight. I'll take it as it comes."

BOOTROOM

DAILY POLL

Can Scotland ignite their Euro 2024 hopes with a win against Switzerland?

QUICK QUIZ?

1. Which two British women are in the top 100 of the WTA rankings?
2. Which player scored the first goal of Euro 2024?
3. How many Grand Slam singles finals has Alexander Zverev lost?
4. New Zealand's Corey Anderson is representing whih other country at the 2024 T20 Cricket World Cup?
5. Paul Rowley is the head coach of which Betfred Super League team?
6. Who won the 2023-24 WSL Golden Glove?
7. Which horse won the 2024 Grand National at Aintree?
8. Who were GB's two individual gold medal winners at the recent European Athletics championships in Rome?
9. In snooker, which venue has hosted The Masters since 2012?
10. The Marvel Stadium is situated in which Australian city?

ON THIS DAY



1991: Payne Stewart won his first US Open and second major at Hazeltine, Minnesota. He beat Scott Simpson in a play-off.

TV SPORT

FOOTBALL: Euro 2024, Romania v Ukraine (BBC One 1.30pm), Belgium v Slovakia (ITV 4.15pm), Austria v France (ITV 7.15pm).
CRICKET: Men's T20 World Cup, New Zealand v Papua New Guinea (Sky Sports Main Event, Sky Sports Cricket 3pm), West Indies v Afghanistan (Sky Sports Main Event, Sky Sports Cricket 1am, Tue).
TENNIS: ATP Halle, WTA Berlin (Sky Sports Main Event, Sky Sports Tennis 10am); cinch Championships at Queen's Club (BBC Two 1pm).
BASKETBALL: NBA, Boston Celtics v Dallas Mavericks (TNT Sports 1 1.30am, Tue).

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ANSWERS: 1. Katie Boulter and Harriet Dart; **2.** Florian Wirtz; **3.** Two; **4.** USA; **5.** Salford; **6.** Khiara Keating; **7.** I Am Maximus; **8.** Dina Asher-Smith and Keely Hodgkinson; **9.** Alexandra Palace; **10.** Melbourne.

RUGBY

URC SEMI-FINAL JOY


WE'RE ON WAY Warriors at full-time

Warriors beat Irish at their own game, now they have to do it all again v brutal Bulls

THOM VICTORY Jubilant Oli Kebble hugs George Horne after win in Limerick

MENTALITY MUNSTERS

BY STUART BATHGATE

GLASGOW beat Munster at their own game in the URC semi-final – defeating the defending champions on their own ground.

And they'll now have to do the same thing again on Saturday in the Grand Final, when they travel to South Africa to play the Bulls.

It won't be easy. The Pretoria-based outfit are even fiercer physically than Munster and got the better of the Warriors just a few weeks ago in the regular season.

But it can be done. And after that epic 17-10 win at Limerick's Thomond Park on Saturday, Franco Smith's squad will head to Loftus Versfeld full of self-belief.

For the last 10 years and more – since Gregor Townsend was head coach – the Warriors have been known as an attacking team and still are.

But against Munster they also showed they can tough it out in defence.

The Irish side have made a habit of establishing a solid lead then strangling the life out of games. Not spectacular rugby but devastatingly effective.

In the regular season, Munster scored more points in the first quarter than any other team in the URC, so the first part of Glasgow's plan was to stop the home side from taking a significant lead.

Not everything went according to Smith's script.

The Warriors conceded six penalties in the opening dozen minutes – that was not in the plan. And they had two men sin-binned in the first half – that wasn't in the plan either.

But after 20 minutes, Munster – despite all their early pressure – were only 3-0 ahead. Then by half-time, they were 3-7 down after Kyle Steyn's breakaway try, converted by George Horne.

And 10 minutes into the second half, that became 3-14 after Sebastian Cancelliere's touchdown, again converted by the scrum-half.

With that cushion to fall back on, the Warriors controlled the game superbly.

They smartened up their discipline, got on the right side of the referee and began to frustrate the home side.

Munster had won their last 10 matches in the league and perhaps they had become so used to dominating games that they had forgotten how to win from behind.

They got a score back just before the hour mark but could do no more and in the closing minutes Horne added a penalty.

Smith said: "I'm very proud of the boys – the fact that they stuck to the script and they worked really hard.

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> FRANCO SMITH ON KEEPING MUNSTER IN CHECK

"We were just making too many errors in the first half.

"Be a little bit more calm and in control of our actions, that was the message at half-time."

Last month the Warriors were neither calm nor in control for the first hour against the Bulls and were 37-10 down before a late fightback produced a more respectable 40-34 final score.

But they are a stronger, more mature side now than they were just a few weeks ago.

Yes, they will be underdogs in the final. But they were underdogs against Munster too and they now have the bit between their teeth.

Smith added: "We didn't train and practise to win a semi-final. We would like to go all the way."


UNCERTAIN Andy Murray

Murray yet to decide on Olympic challenge

TENNIS

ANDY MURRAY has revealed he is still not "100 per cent sure" to play in the Olympics despite being named in the GB team.

The double gold medallist has been handed a wildcard to play in the singles for a record fifth time.

And the Scot, who appeared at Queen's Club yesterday in his red GB tracksuit, and Dan Evans have also been nominated as a second British doubles pairing in Paris. The ITF will decide by June 25.

Murray, 37, will play doubles with Evans at the Cinch Championships this week before Wimbledon with his brother Jamie.

And that could yet be his farewell appearance if he decides against going back to Roland Garros.

Asked if he would play the singles if he is not also in the doubles, Murray said: "I'm not 100 per cent sure.

"It depends a little bit physically how I'm doing and a bit how the next few weeks go as well. But my plan just now is to play but it's not straightforward.

"I've really enjoyed playing the Olympics over the years and the chance to play in another one, I'm excited about that."

Murray is in the squad along with new British No.1 Jack Draper, Cam Norrie and Evans and doubles specialists Joe Salisbury and Neal Skupski.

Meanwhile, Draper celebrated becoming new British No.1 by winning his first ATP Tour title - and embarrassing the sponsors.

He fought back to beat Matteo Berrettini 3-6 7-6(5) 6-4 in the final of the Boss Open in Stuttgart.

As well as the £95,000 first prize, Draper was also presented with a hybrid e-bike in the khaki colours of Italian Berrettini – a Boss ambassador.

Hugo Boss chief Daniel Grieder said: "This bike is for the winner. I covered it in the wrong colours, Matteo. So, we have to do a second bike in the colours of Jack. You will both get a bike in your colours."

Berrington proud of Saltires after Aussie defeat

CRICKET

RICHIE BERRINGTON couldn't conceal his disappointment after the Saltires came up agonisingly short in their bid for a place in the T20 World Cup Super 8s.

The Scots pushed Australia all the way to the final over of their must-win clash in St Lucia before going down by five wickets.

Their 180-5 total was the highest ever posted by an associate country against the Aussies in a T20, though only managing to add 42 runs in the last five overs proved costly with England edging them on net run-rate.

"The guys can hold their heads high," said Berrington.

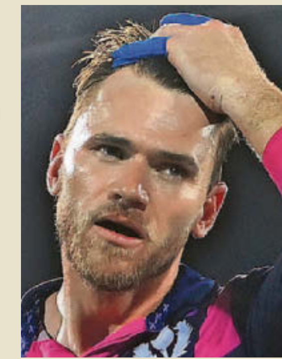
"There's no denying the disappointment because we came to qualify and we haven't been able to do that.

"The guys at the top gave us a great platform and we didn't capitalise, but we've played some great cricket in the tournament."

The sides will meet again in a three-match series in Edinburgh in September and the skipper added: "It's fantastic to have the opportunity to play Australia again and we'll take great learning from our experiences out here."

Meanwhile, Brandon McMullen, who hit a stunning 34-ball 60 with six magnificent maximums, believes there is more to come from the Saltires.

He said: "We have really enjoyed ourselves at the World Cup and we will be back next time - stronger!"


GUTTED Richie Berrington

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FRIGHT NIGHT TO FIGHT NIGHT

Sierro: We know the Scots will give their all

SWISS ON A ROLL Michel Aebischer after netting second goal against Hungary

BY ANDY NEWPORT

SWITZERLAND star Vincent Sierro helped handle Hungary then vowed that Scotland's appetite for a backlash won't be underestimated.

The midfielder reckons there's no way Steve Clarke's wounded warriors will be stuffed a second time against the Swiss on Wednesday.

The Scots are already into must-not-lose territory just one game into the tournament after Friday's 5-1 flop faced with hosts Germany.

The Tartan Army swarmed the Bavarian capital full of hope but it was quickly slapped out of the kilt-clad punters.

There wasn't much Braveheart spirit on show as Scotland meekly bowed down to Julian Nagelsmann's Mannschaft, allowing Germany the freedom of the Allianz Arena.

But Toulouse man Sierro expects to see a reaction from a team whose pride has taken a battering since that sobering curtain-raiser.

And he said: "For Scotland, it's now a really important game.

"They didn't have the result they wanted against Germany so they will give their all on Wednesday.

"So we have to be really focused. We will work on a plan and analyse them because we know they're not going to give us anything.

"We know the spirit of the Scottish players. How they want to play for their country, how they fight for every ball.

"We know it's going to be a tough game but we want to focus on our own strengths."

Scotland now face a fight to keep their campaign alive.

A defeat could be fatal for Clarke's side and their ambition to become the first dark blues line-up to escape a group stage at a major finals. The Swiss, meanwhile, are in a healthy position knowing victory this week will seal a place in the last 16.

Sierro said: "The first target is to go through the group stage. We've had a good win but it's only one result.

"We're really happy with the Hungary result and I believe we deserved it. But we can improve some things too.

"The most important match is always the next one and we know it will be a really tough one against Scotland.

"We want to put in another really good performance and get another win."

Clarke will have to shuffle his pack with Ryan Porteous on the naughty step after his Munich dismissal.

But the Swiss are expecting further changes as the national team boss strives to turn his team around.

Giorgio Contini, No.2 to Murat Yakin, said: "It's difficult to explain how the Scotland coach is feeling because I'm not part of their team.

"We have a totally different feeling. For sure it will be complicated for them. The game against Germany was very tough. Unfortunately they were playing Germany at home and they were very inspired for this game.

"It's important we keep going in our way. I don't think we have to think too much about the Scottish coach.

"But in that situation, you have to change the focus, absolutely. You have to be positive, you have to change something.

"As the coach, you are the driver of the car and every time, you have to be positive and find the solution.

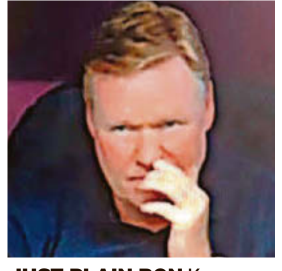
"It's human that you are disappointed after you lose a game. But you must change your mindset and try again to push the team.

"It's a completely different challenge against Scotland than against Hungary. But we want the three points.

"We'll try to go forward for the win but we respect the opponent every time and know we have to play as well as possible."

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> VINCENT SIERRO ON WEDNESDAY'S CLASH

WARY Sierro expects a reaction from Clarke's side after mauling in Munich



JUST PLAIN RON Koeman

Dutch too much as Ron nose now

HOLLAND boss Ronald Koeman has been caught on camera giving that infamous Joachim Low clip a run for its money.

Koeman's side got their first three points in Group C, fighting back from a goal down against Poland at the Volksparkstadion in Hamburg thanks to Cody Gakpo and second-half substitute Wout Weghorst.

But another major talking point emerged for all the wrong reasons.

Footage has surfaced of Koeman picking his nose and eating his bogeys and wiping them on his shirt before returning to the touchline. The incident went global on social media.

MATCH ACTION - SEE EURO 24 WINNER



RALLY CALL Croatia's Modric

Modric: No more errors or we're out

LUKA MODRIC has warned his Croatia team-mates their Euros hopes hang in the balance after being blown away by Spain.

World Cup finalists in 2018 and semi-finalists in 2022, Zlatko Dalic's vastly-experienced side conceded three times in 16 first-half minutes in their 3-0 defeat.

Croatia, who meet Albania in Hamburg on Wednesday, were punished for defensive errors.

And their skipper said: "We have two matches to improve. We no longer have the right to make mistakes.

"We have to recover and win the upcoming matches.

"In a way, that's a good thing because we know we have no other option but to win."

SWISS READY FOR BACKLASH

Hosts love how many fans we bring.. teams love taking points off us. You can see us getting a bye into all finals

KAI FLYER Germany's Havertz celebrates goal No.3 in the 5-1 rout of Scotland



'NO Scotland, No Party' belted out the Tartan Army.

Unfortunately there were no shots on target either as Steve Clarke's side were battered in Bavaria.

The carnival atmosphere generated by the kilt-clad fans didn't last long as Germany ran amok in the Euros opener.

And the Negative Normans who rang in for today's ***Hotline*** aren't holding out much hope that we can get the ball rolling against the Swiss either.

Neil Renton, Edinburgh, said: "Scotland should be embarrassed by their performance against Germany.

"There's no denying they were up against quality and maybe we all got carried away but we expected more from Steve Clarke's players. Like a shot would have been good!

"You can see us getting a bye into every major tournament from now on. Host countries love how many fans we bring while teams competing love taking points off us."

Scott McAdam, Glasgow, said: "That was the worst performance from any Scotland team at a major tournament.

"They said they'd create history. Well they did because no one has had a spanking like that in an opening game.

"Clarke's so-called plan was up in smoke after five minutes. If we don't get a positive result against the Swiss it will be P45 time for Stevie."

Scott Kerr, Glasgow, said: "You can see why we're all feeling like Negative Normans. That performance was atrocious. No creativity, spark or ideas."

John Scott, Grassmoor, said: "In 1978 I watched Scotland march off to Argentina with pride and expectation.

"The debacle that followed left us all in a state of anger and frustration because the win against eventual finalists Netherlands clearly showed what that team was capable of.

"If today's team doesn't take at least a point off the Swiss, there will be no hiding place and like 1978, it will be well justified."

The first alarm bell in Munich sounded even before a ball had been kicked as the teamsheets revealed Billy Gilmour had been left out. And three days on, the punters still can't get their head around Clarke's call.

Fraser Davison, Glasgow, said: "Hard to fathom the tactics on the night, and an even harder watch. Gilmour wasted on the bench, players appeared panicked with the basics beyond them. Too many looked like rabbits in headlights.

"I'm not saying Ryan Porteous caused the result but he was a liability at Hibs and still is. Scotland could have had a couple of extra players on the park and still lost. Onwards and upwards now."

Tim Gibbens said: "Never mind a warm bratwurst – without Gilmour's steadying influence, Scotland's midfield handled the ball like a hot potato!"

Gerard Milligan, Renfrewshire, said: "That's the only game I've ever seen when nobody got near a pass mark. The shape was all wrong. Andy Robertson and Kieran Tierney cannot play in the same team. John McGinn and Scott McTominay were ineffective, and worse, there appeared to be no gameplan at all."

Kevin Kean, Inchinnan, said: "We need to stop picking so many of these players. Callum McGregor and Ryan Christie are finished. What could Kenny McLean or Gilmour achieve coming on three goals down? A 4-3-3 formation is the way forward, with a front three of James Forrest, Lawrence Shankland and Lewis Morgan with John McGinn and Scott McTominay backing them up."

Iain Kennedy, Dunoon, said: "I like Clarke but he made a huge error leaving by far and away our best keeper at home in Craig Gordon. The bang average Angus Gunn should have been hauled off at half-time but it would have destroyed him ... like he destroyed the fans' hopes with an atrocious display between the sticks.

"Clarke simply must drop Gunn and a hugely out-of-form McGinn, go to a four-man backline and leave Christie and Che Adams on the bench. I'd bring in Gilmour, Forrest, Morgan and Shankland before it's too late.

Finally although a very good player, Robertson is never a leader of men. It simply must be CalMac if we want any proper organisation on the park."

Alan Flett said: "The Tartan Army got what they deserved against Germany. A large dose of reality! And what about the great McGregor? Once again he was totally outclassed and way out of his depth at the top level. And he's Celtic's best player? Laughable!"

Robbie Wood said: "So there were five current or former Celtic players in Friday's starting line-up. Does Clarke know Celtic are useless in Europe?"

But **Gordon Ashley, Ayr,** said: "The pathetic pointing of the finger at McGregor by Graeme Souness and the Rangers fans is pathetic. He was no worse than any other player and it is just a result of Celtic's total domination of the Ibrox club that has brought this childish jealous rage out of them as usual."

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STRENGTHS Uche Ikpeazu

Different class the standard for Saints

BY **SCOTT BURNS**

CRAIG Levein is looking to add "different types" of players in his St Johnstone summer transfer shuffle.

Saints have already brought in Uche Ikpeazu and Josh Rae in their early summer business.

Levein has also handed Graham Carey, Drey Wright, Sven Sprangler and Cammy MacPherson new contracts and is looking to bolster his squad further after they spent the tail end of last season scrapping to avoid relegation.

Saints' first-team coach Andy Kirk said: "We looked at the squad and identified the players we wanted to keep.

"Graham is very creative and scored some important goals, Cammy and Drey came back in for the last three or four games and really helped us.

"We missed Sven when he picked up his injury against Celtic.

"Now it's about adding fresh faces, a bit of energy and some different types of ability to help what we already have and have a strong team on the pitch."

Kirk previously worked with Ikpeazu at Hearts and knows he will add to their options.

He added: "He's a big, strong boy who is something different to the other strikers we have.

"Hopefully he will get us up the pitch, hold the ball in and get us playing in the opposition half for longer.

"He will bring a different aspects to the attack and bring others into the game."

Hamilton sign Ayr defender McGinty

HAMILTON have swooped for Sean McGinty from Ayr.

He joins keeper Charlie Albinson who has moved to Accies from Somerset Park.

McGinty has signed a two year contract with Hamilton, who have also landed Steven Bradley and Barry Maguire.

Meanwhile, Ayr United have agreed a deal to sign Scott McMann.

The left-back joins on a free transfer from Dundee United.

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JOHN NICHOLSON'S

TV WATCH

SOME OBVIOUS WEAKNESSES

THE BBC had the pleasure of bringing us England's first match against Serbia.

Rio Ferdinand, Cesc Fabregas, Micah Richards and Gary Lineker sat in the setting sunlight of the day.

Micah must have been knocked down off the ceiling with a brush before the broadcast, so prone is he to laughing hysterically and getting carried away.

Lineker, meanwhile, is at ease in his role of presenter, chatting in a relaxed manner, always in control and with time on the ball.

You wouldn't think some critics label him a socialist firebrand.

There's a moving piece about the terminally ill Sven-Goran Eriksson, in charge last time England were in Gelsenkirchen in 2006. Rio says he was a nice man to play for. It was a sad moment, sensitively handled.

An interview package with Gareth Southgate reveals him to have always been a decent, emotionally intelligent bloke. Rio says a lot of obvious things but that seems to be what has been asked for.

Fabregas – presumably brought in for some continental sophistication – follows with more obvious comments, albeit in a Spanish accent.

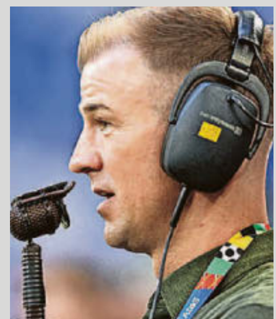
There's nothing anyone didn't know before or any special insight, despite them saying everything like it's the wisdom of Solomon.

Then there's the familiar sight of Alan Shearer, headphones on, the narrowed eyes of the gunfighter, a footballing Lee van Cleef, giving us his opinion that England need to cut out crosses.

Thanks. For. That.

Joe Hart is quite impressively articulate pitchside in a pair of cream knee-length shorts, which are a hostage to fortune, with tattoos of Celtic hoops on his arm.

He is on hand to reassure us that Jordan Pickford is




HOOPY ENOUGH Joe Hart

human. That's a relief. Guy Mowbray, with his familiar Yorkshire burr, is our commentator with Shearer riding shotgun, who sounds like he's having a good time.

Beats working for a living, I suppose.

Serbia boast an average height of 6ft2in but England dominate the first half and go in one up.

Gary and the boys have moved to a space in front of the Brandenburg Gate, which looks very dramatic and takes the mind off the pundits talking.

It continues to be annoying that, as ex-pros, they don't say anything that anyone who is paying attention wouldn't say.

Lineker is actually the best at this game, especially talking about Harry Kane's lack of involvement.

Hart's unfeasibly long neck returns pitchside with the traditional aversion to adverbs. If everyone went to the toilet, they didn't miss much. Rio tells us "concentration is vital at this stage". You don't say.

England seem to try to defend a one-goal lead, with defence being their weakest quality.

Shearer doesn't appear to notice this.

After a tough second half, Lineker returned still sounding positive as the three pundits said some more obvious things.

Fabregas spoke some guff about England having the talent but not "stepping up". Truth is, they're not as good as made out to be. There was just time to say some more obvious words.

Money for nothing.

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Jude's bullet header gets Three Lions over the line as spurned chances make it a more nervy opener than Southgate hoped



THE STATS

Serbia		England
47	POSSESSION (%)	53
1	SHOTS ON	3
2	SHOTS OFF	1
2	CORNERS	1
19	FOULS	8
2	YELLOW CARDS	0
0	RED CARDS	0

SAVED BY THE BELL

IT was a case of Hey Jude – even though England weren't bang in tune as they made a winning start to the Euros.

SERBIA..0 ENGLAND..1

BY SCOTT BURNS

Jude Bellingham's first-half header was enough to see Gareth Southgate's side jump to the top of Group C.

The Real Madrid star's goal was perhaps the only highlight of this opening tournament win.

England had opened up well but struggled for long spells.

Indeed, if Serbia had more quality in the final third, they could have taken something.

Slovenia's draw with Denmark earlier in the day means England have the early group advantage.

It's only their first game of the tournament but if the Auld Enemy want to go one step further than they did in the last Euros, they will need to get going right up the gears.

The Three Lions almost stalled in Schalke's home ground and Southgate knows he is under pressure to deliver.

Defeat in the Euro 2020 Final came on penalties to Italy before crashing out of the World Cup to France two years later.

And there is an expectancy he needs to get England over the line. They did just manage that last night... but will need to be better against Denmark come Thursday.

While this may have been their opening clash, you'd have thought England played in every game since Friday's opener.

BBC and ITV didn't need a second invitation to switch again from their focused match to talk about their beloved England.

It's been more about the Three Lions and then giving others an honourable mention. There is no escaping the England hype train. Most of the Tartan Army will be hoping, as per usual, it comes off the rails.

England legend Gary Lineker on television said: "We are biased, obviously!"

It's fair to say the confidence has bordered on arrogance, even though their recent form has been far from formidable.

Southgate's side had won just once in their last five games and lost their last friendly to Iceland.

Even when I turned to my inbox before the game, I was welcomed with an email labelled: "IT'S COMING HOME!"

This was a promotion from a restaurant chain, who must have forgotten they also have branches in Scotland. There was a familiar face in the midst of this match coverage, with former Celtic keeper Joe Hart on the pitch giving pre-match analysis.

Southgate had raised eyebrows with his 26-man squad. He dropped big names such as Jack Grealish and James Maddison, while Harry Maguire missed out through injury.

It shows the strength in depth Southgate has at his disposal – Scotland boss Steve Clarke could only dream of having such options.

He opted to play Trent Alexander-Arnold in midfield, where he's played more recently for England and Liverpool.

Captain Harry Kane made history as he led his team on to the pitch in his 23rd appearance at a major finals.

It saw the Bayern Munich frontman surpass the record held by Ashley Cole and Raheem

AHEAD OF THE REST Bellingham gets England off to a flier and celebrates with Trippier, left, but Kane's effort, above, is tipped over before Pickford, above left, denies Vlahovic a leveller for Serbians

Sterling. England were up against a Serbian team in their first Euros as an independent country. The side ranked 33rd were beaten by Scotland – who can forget that David Marshall save – in the play-off to deny them a place at Euro 2020.

Southgate's men began with patience and kept the ball before it became unlucky for Serbia as England netted a deserved 13th-minute opener.

Kyle Walker slid a ball in behind for Bukayo Saka and his deflected cross dropped for Bernabeu maestro Bellingham to get in front of a defender to head them into the lead.

The Champions League winner is already England's pin-up boy and looks to be well on his way to becoming the game's next superstar.

Serbia's captain Aleksandar Mitrovic is no stranger to English football thanks to his spells with Newcastle plus Fulham. He caused their only real first-half scare when Alexander lost it and the striker curled a shot just wide.

England controlled the first period, although Serbia did come into it a bit more before the interval. And Southgate's side looked nervous the longer the game went on.

Alexander-Arnold's early long shot in the second spell was pushed away but there was little else to get excited about.

Mitrovic called for a VAR review of Kieran Trippier's challenge on him but nothing was given and he was replaced by Luka Jovic moments later.

Serbia pushed England further and further back, leaving them to soak up sustained pressure.

Southgate's men, for long spells, didn't look like the world beaters they had been built up to be,as they were knocked out of their stride. And Connor Gallagher was sent on for Alexander-Arnold to offer more defensive stability.

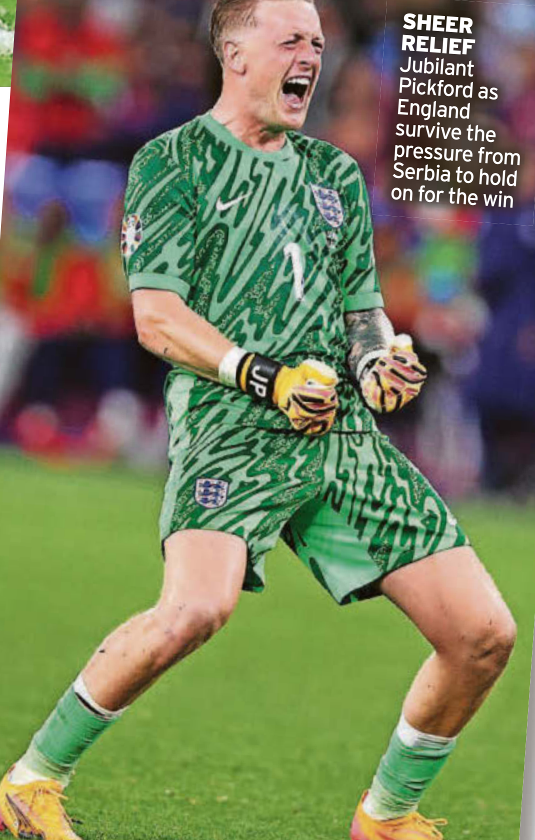
Jarrod Bowen, came on for Saka with 14 minutes left and immediately put in a great cross for Kane to power a header that forced Serbia keeper Predrag Rajkovic to tip on to the bar.

It should've been goodnight Serbia but it wasn't.

Dusan Vlahovic then fired in a shot that was straight at Jordan Pickford but it was dipping over him and he had to tip over.

England were under the cosh so much that Kane headed a shot away in his own box and celebrated like he had netted at the other end.

Kobbie Mainoo came on in the closing minutes for his competitive debut but it was more about holding on to what England had. They got there... only just.



SHEER RELIEF *Jubilant Pickford as England survive the pressure from Serbia to hold on for the win*



WINNING START Gaffer Southgate

Jude wants to take Real form into roaring for his Three Lions

BY **SCOTT BURNS**

JUDE BELLINGHAM has vowed to do whatever he has to do to make sure England win the Euros.

The Real Madrid playmaker got the only goal as a sluggish Three Lions shrugged off Serbia in Gelsenkirchen.

Bellingham came in for some heavy treatment but said: "Since I started playing at Birmingham I have had to get used to it. Before, I maybe didn't handle it the best and got involved in a fight. This time I felt relaxed and really calm.

"I know my team-mates have my back and I have to be ready for everything. I am ready to do whatever it takes to put my boss through whatever to try to help my country win the tournament."

The 20-year-old comes into the finals after lifting the Champions League and wants to transfer his Real Madrid form to England.

He said: "I am used to getting into the box. Playing wide or taking people on through the middle.

"I have done that at Madrid and I want to carry that form into the Euros. It is a great start for me to get my confidence up and to win the game, which was the most important thing."

England came in for some criticism for their performance and Southgate admitted Serbia made them suffer. But he praised his players for digging in for the win.

He said: "It was tougher than we would have liked but that is the reality of tournaments.

"They are a strong team. We had to suffer a bit and that's really good to come through and defend our box the way we did, under pressure, was important for the group.

"We had good chances to extend our lead and kill the game which we didn't manage to take. I was really pleased with a lot of the play, especially in the first half.

"We used the ball really well. The second half we didn't keep it as well as we needed to. To get the win and the start we have is important."

Captain Harry Kane heaped praise on Bellingham whom he dubbed an "unbelievable player".

Kane said: "He deserves all the praise he is getting at the moment.

"It was a great run into the box and he finished it off nicely."

SPANIARDS' YAMAL JOY

BY **ALEX RICHARDS**

HE'S the teen sensation who has left Spain's senior stars purring.

And after becoming the youngest player to feature at a Euros at just 16 years, 338 days, it is easy to see why there's so much fuss around Lamine Yamal.

The Barcelona winger is the embodiment of Luis de la Fuente's new-look Spain and his directness speed and unpredictability was a key reason for their 3-0 win over Croatia.

"He is impressing everyone," said de la Fuente. "Over time he will become a wonderful footballer."

After Alvaro Morata had opened the scoring in Berlin, Yamal played his part in the second, drawing three players to him before Fabian Ruiz fired into the net.

Then Yamal's wicked inswinging cross was met by Dani Carvajal, who slid home to end the game.

"It's incredible," said Carvajal. "It speaks volumes about how talented he is.

"To be so young, he has a unique talent that's difficult to explain!"



DIRECTNESS Lamine Yamal

KT: We have the leaders to come back from our Munich mauling

SCOTT McDERMOTT

AT THE SCOTLAND TRAINING CAMP IN BAVARIA

KIERAN TIERNEY won't have a problem with people questioning his performance against Germany.

Like every other Scotland player in the Allianz Arena on Friday night, he knew it wasn't good enough.

But in terms of his character and mentality to recover from it and go again? When it comes to Tierney, that should never be up for debate.

No one will have been hurting more than the Arsenal defender after the 5-1 battering on Euro 2024's opening night. Tierney is as patriotic and as committed to the cause as they come.

You saw that in Munich after a couple of minutes when he let out a roar after a crunching tackle earned Scotland a goal-kick.

Unfortunately for Tierney and everyone else in a dark blue shirt, that was about as competitive as we got in the entire game.

The ex-Celtic man was devastated at Steve Clarke's side's capitulation.

But that doesn't mean he's not absolutely convinced that – along with himself – there are proper leaders in the squad who will ensure there is no hangover in Cologne on Wednesday against Switzerland.

As he tried to get his head around their German disaster, Tierney said: "The most important thing is nothing is done yet. The next two games are massive and we know what we have to do.

"We've also got the quality to do it. It's just about showing it on the pitch. And there's no doubt we have the characters to ensure this feeling doesn't linger.

"Everyone in this squad has had ups and downs in their careers. Everyone will be thinking about this for a while.

'But we have all been on the wrong end of a tough defeat at some point. It's about how you bounce back. That's what defines you.

"It's not for me to talk about our mentality. It's about showing it.

"We lacked that on Friday. But it's easy for me to stand here and say stuff. It's about actually going out there and showing it.

"That's where we let ourselves down and it's what's important for us in the next two games.

"We've got a lot of leaders here, people who have been through a lot. We've got each other's backs here and we'll be ready for the next game.

"Four points is still achievable for us and we need to believe that. We've had some big results in the past against teams who have done very well at the Euros before.

"There is a reason we got here. And there's no reason we can't go and do what we want to achieve.

"Of course, we're devastated after Friday night. We didn't do ourselves justice – but we have to pick ourselves up now. We knew we were never going to qualify from the first game. So the next two are hugely important. It's clear what we need to do and we'll be focused on doing it.

"Has our confidence been dented? It's normal when you get beat by the score we lost on Friday. It would be a sore one for any team on any stage.

"But we can come back from this, I'm sure of it. In fact, if anything it will make us hungrier to go and do it."

There was always going to be a different level of pressure involved when Scotland were paired with the hosts at the draw in Hamburg last year.

Opening up the tournament in front of 70,000 supporters at the Allianz was a daunting prospect.

And it certainly looked like Clarke's side suffered a bout of stage fright. But Tierney refuses to accept they froze. Instead, he feels they came up against a Germany juggernaut.

He said: "It's hard to say the occasion played a part in our performance.

"We've known that we'd be involved in the opening game of the tournament for a long time – so we were prepared for it.

"Maybe it did have an effect. But I honestly feel the boys did everything right in preparing for the game.

"Everything we did had 100 per cent focus. But Germany is a world class team, so it can happen.

"They have strength in every position. Even the subs they were bringing on were world-class talents.

"They started the game better than us and when you go two down in the first 20 minutes, it's a tough one to come back from.

"It was a difficult night for us. But now it's a case of looking at what's next and believing it can still be done.

"The next two teams are good as well but it's now about us, what we do and what we can do better from Friday night. That's what we're focusing on."

If nothing else, the Scottish team owes the Tartan Army a result after Friday night's humbling.

Supporters turned up in their hordes in Munich days before but left the Allianz dejected and dispirited.

Rather than apologise to them, Tierney thanked them for their support. And anything they go on to achieve in this tournament, he says, will be for them.

Tierney said: "The message to the fans is, thank-you. For what they've done, what they've given us for the last however many years.

"It's been amazing and they were with us all the way on Friday.

"It was unbelievable walking out – I had goosebumps when I heard them singing for us.

"So we owe them a performance over the next two games, to give them back what they've given us."

TIERNEY SAYS FOUR-POINT BID IS STILL ON

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> KIERAN TIERNEY ON THE NEXT TWO GAMES

DEVASTATED But Tierney, training at base camp yesterday, inset above, says Scotland are determined to give the Tartan Army something to cheer on Wednesday

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IF you're still feeling down over the annihilation at the Allianz, then we've got just the thing for you to lighten the mood. Yep, our brave boys Keith Jackson and Scott McDermott will be back on your screens tonight at 6pm to talk all things Scotland. Let's be honest, it was always going to be a big ask to get anything from the Germany game and now all eyes are on Switzerland. Jacko and Victor will be joined by this week's Anchorman Michael Gannon - AKA our very own Will Ferrell lookalike. Scotland take part in their first overseas major tournament for 26 years. Catch the guys again this evening as we try to get our Euros campaign back on track.



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INTERNATIONAL BID Gavin Molloy

MOLLOY'S IRISH GOAL

BY SCOTT BURNS

GAVIN MOLLOY wants to follow in the footsteps of Jamie McGrath and Jonny Hayes by impressing at Aberdeen before breaking into the Republic of Ireland squad.

The central defender became Jimmy Thelin's first signing when the Dons triggered a release clause to buy him from Shelbourne.

Hayes was a big favourite at Pittodrie before he retired earlier this month and Irish internationalist McGrath has made a big impact in his first season at Aberdeen.

Molloy, 22, wants to be a big hit at Dons like Hayes and McGrath – and Celtic defender Liam Scales who had a successful loan spell.

Molloy said: "Looking at Liam Scales, Jamie McGrath and Jonny Hayes, who was a big player, it's a place where people flourish.

"Short-term I just want to get into the team but growing up, all you want to do is pull on that green shirt and coming to Aberdeen, hopefully that's a possibility now."

HAMZA SET FOR GERS

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21-year-old is now subject to a medical and final details.

Igamane, who has missed FAR Rabat's recent games through injury, is seen as one of the most exciting young talents in the Moroccan game.

He is in contention to be named in the Morocco squad for this summer's Olympics. If he is selected Igamane would miss a big chunk of Rangers' pre-season.

The Ibrox club have also upped the ante in their bid to sign Aberdeen midfielder Barron on freedom of contract. Rangers have made an improved offer – with the out-of-contract star also weighing up bids from Hellas Verona, Plymouth, Stoke, Cardiff and Swansea.

Barron, 21, will make a decision now he has returned from holiday. Aberdeen would be due around £525,000 in training compensation if he exits Scotland.

Rangers would need to agree a fee with Dons or take their chances on a tribunal if they secure Barron.

Igamane and Barron both fall into the transfer policy that Rangers have adopted this summer, signing players 24 or under and with a future value.

Rangers have bagged Brazilian Jefte, defender Clinton Nsiala from AC Milan and Oscar Cortes' loan from Lens has also been extended with an obligation to buy.

Gers remain keen on Bayern Munich winger Yusuf Kabadayi.

Tartan Army may have lost belief in Clarke and his squad but boss can win it back if he picks right team v Switzerland

BETTER FAITH THAN SORRY

KEITH JACKSON
SCOTLAND'S MOST INFLUENTIAL SPORTS COLUMNIST

WHEN a prickly Steve Clarke ordered the Tartan Army to keep the faith on Friday night, Scotland's manager probably knew he was asking for more than he could reasonably hope to receive.

Yes, the goodwill towards him and his players has not been completely exhausted, even if the trauma inflicted upon the nation earlier in the evening means it will have taken quite a battering nonetheless.

A feeling of hope remains in play too and will continue to do so for as long as it is possible for Clarke to recover from the bloody mauling in Munich that sparked a long weekend of navel-gazing and toe-curling embarrassment.

There are six Group A points still to play for this week and Scotland will only need to collect four of them in order to create the kind of history Clarke had in mind for these players when they first arrived here at their idyllic home-from-home at the foot of the Bavarian Alps.

As opposed to threatening the record books with the heaviest thumping any Scotland side has been subjected to during a major finals since Uruguay banged seven past a young Tommy Docherty at the World Cup in 1954.

The 70th anniversary of that particular low watermark comes on Wednesday, when Clarke and his players will take to the field for a second time knowing defeat against Switzerland in Cologne will send them home early again from yet another global event. With tails between legs once more.

So, yes, it's not over yet and for as long as they have an opportunity to redeem themselves, only the most churlish among us would wish for any other fate.

But keeping the faith in them, as Clarke has requested? That seems like a stretch too far because in order to have faith, it follows there must first be a sense of belief.

Clarke still has it in himself and his players and he went out of his way to stress that point during yesterday's media duties here at Scotland's base camp in Garmisch-Partenkirchen.

But outside of this bubble, belief has been the biggest collateral damage from Friday's tanking.

Scotland may still hope for the best and the vast majority will wish this team nothing but good fortune over the next six days.

It's just that it's now become difficult – perhaps to the point of being impossible - to truly believe they really can recover from this bludgeoning to remain in the tournament with their pride still intact as well as a place in the knockout stages.

Faith in Clarke's judgment, it must be said, has been badly dented too. After all, he has spent so much of these last 18 months talking repeatedly about learning from the mistakes he and his coaching staff were guilty of making during their first crack at a European Championships three summers ago.

Clarke has gone over that disappointment with a fine toothcomb. He's meticulous in the way he looks for those minor details that might add a percentage or two to Scotland's level of performance against the elite. The nature of the job demands he must be.

So it was easy to believe him when he said he had, with the benefit of hindsight, identified flaws in the way he managed his group during those finals. And, furthermore, that he was about to ensure they were corrected and eliminated this time around.

Which is why it came as such a galling and unexpected boot in the country's sporran to discover that none of it was really true.

Clarke was honest enough to hold his hands up again yesterday and to admit he made more of the same mistakes in Munich.

He didn't go as far as saying he should have started with Billy Gilmour in midfield and he'll maybe even have reached the conclusion that one player couldn't possibly

JITTERS Full-back Ralston

BIG VERDICT ON SCOTLAND GAFFER

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT Gilmour was started in the second game last Euros and Clarke, left, looks set to repeat that on Wednesday

> "Gilmour will almost certainly be given the chance to get his tournament started against the Swiss

have stopped the German assault on his own.

And yet, he'll know too that Gilmour's ability to keep possession and to direct traffic from the middle of the pitch might have slowed it down a little at the very least.

Clarke made the same error of judgement three years ago in the opener against the Czechs which does suggest he hasn't learned from that particular mistake. He was, in fact, doubling down on it.

The manager started Gilmour at Wembley in the second group game and it feels as if history will be repeated on Wednesday given the dreadful and inept nature of his engine room against the Germans.

Gilmour will almost certainly be given the chance to get his tournament started against the Swiss and Clarke may also be giving serious consideration to throwing James Forrest into the mix for a starting place as well.

The veteran winger is another who knows how to keep hold of the football which is precisely what was missing in Munich.

Yes, Tony Ralston did as best as his limitations would allow and the Celtic full-back was one of the few in dark blue shirts who actually managed to make a tackle. Clarke will have noted that too.

But Ralston's nervousness every time the ball was at his feet helped add to the jitters that spread around the pitch and did so much to paralyse the rest of Clarke's more dependable and trusted performers.

It would feel almost like an act of mercy not to put Ralston through it all again on Wednesday night and, given the need for Scotland to get onto the front foot, Forrest would seem an ideal replacement. He may lack Ralston's robust defensive qualities but Forrest instinctively knows when to run with the ball and, crucially, when to turn back and keep it.

His calmness and composure in possession, coupled with his attacking threat, would most certainly offer a different dimension to the side Clarke sent out on Friday night.

And if that all feels like too much of a gamble for the normally cautious Clarke, then perhaps this is the moment to realise fortune tends to favour the brave.

Scotland have got themselves into an early mess at this tournament.

If they lack the courage or conviction to clean it up immediately then they won't be hanging around here for too much longer.

And that would leave Clarke with a whole lot more explaining to do to the public back home.

THE MONDAY JURY

 KEITH JACKSON	 SCOTT McDERMOTT	 ANDY NEWPORT	 SCOTT BURNS

1 NOW the dust has settled on the massacre in Munich, where does the 5-1 pasting rank in Scotland's table of tournament howlers?

KEITH JACKSON	SCOTT McDERMOTT	ANDY NEWPORT	SCOTT BURNS
Right down there next to rock bottom. There was so much about this team to believe in before a ball was kicked. Now we're back where we always seem to be, fingers crossed for a miraculous recovery while fearing there's even more pain to come.	In my lifetime, it's the worst. Losing 3-0 to Morocco at the 1998 World Cup was bad but Friday's beating was different level. With so much at stake and expectations high, we were let down badly. We should've known better.	We've had some shockers down the decades. Slapped for seven by Uruguay, left red-faced by to Peru, Costa Rica and Morocco. But this just feels even worse because as good as Germany are, they're not THAT good.	It's right up there. Costa Rica in the World Cup was worse but the manner of this defeat was damning. Yes, Germany are a top team but the Scotland performance was simply awful.

2 STEVE CLARKE shocked the Tartan Army when he dropped Billy Gilmour to face the Germans – but would starting him really have made a difference?

KEITH JACKSON	SCOTT McDERMOTT	ANDY NEWPORT	SCOTT BURNS
The boss will say one man couldn't have stopped the German onslaught. He's probably got a point. But when his team needed a bit of composure and someone to take the heat out the ambush, their best bet was sitting on the bench.	We'd still have lost the game but it was a mistake by the manager and he'd probably admit it himself. Gilmour would've calmed us down in possession, taken the ball in tight spaces and given us some time to breathe.	Probably not if we'd stuck with bypassing midfield to go long. But you saw when we had the wee man in against the Dutch in March we can keep the ball and threaten top nations. Leaving him out denied us that option.	I genuinely don't think he'd have made too much difference because our shape was all wrong. We tried to play out from the back and there was nowhere to go. The Germans physically would also have walked over Gilmour.

3 WHAT changes would you make for Wednesday's roll-about with the Swiss?

KEITH JACKSON	SCOTT McDERMOTT	ANDY NEWPORT	SCOTT BURNS
If Gilmour isn't given the chance to show what he can do in Cologne Clarke will have dropped a potentially devastating clanger. For that reason he's a certain starter. I'd also like to see James Forrest filling in at wing-back down the right flank.	Scott McKenna into the middle of our back three, with Jack Hendry on the right. I'd replace Tony Ralston with Forrest at right wing-back, have Gilmour sit midfield, allowing Scott McTominay to push forward. Lawrence Shankland up top.	We can't die wondering, so let's be bold. McKenna in for Porteous. Forrest at right wing-back, Gilmour back as deep-lying playmaker. Ryan Christie can keep his place but he has to get closer to Shankland as the striker.	I would bring in Zander Clark, Ross McCrorie and Gilmour. We also need to find a system where the sole striker is not so isolated.

4 HOW do you rate our knockout stage chances now we've had the stuffing knocked out of us by the hosts?

KEITH JACKSON	SCOTT McDERMOTT	ANDY NEWPORT	SCOTT BURNS
Scotland will have to come up with a big performance entirely out of the blue if they are to keep themselves alive in Group A on Wednesday. The nation is left to hope it happens rather than truly believing it will.	Watching the Swiss beat Hungary, you'd have to say they're favourites against us. But we never banked on anything against Germany so the target is still four points to get us through. A draw sets up a cup final on Sunday.	We're into must-not-lose territory. Get something on Wednesday and we have a chance but judging by the way they swept the Magyars aside, it appears a tall order. An early goal is needed to boost belief.	I fear the worst. We have come into the tournament low on confidence and with several key players missing. I hope I am wrong but I can't see us getting the four points we would need.



MEND GAME AS SCOTS BID TO BOUNCE BACK

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responsibility for the hammering and admitted he may have confused his own players with his big-game strategy.

And Clarke has spent the last 72 hours attempting to repair the damage that has been done to his squad as they gear up for their second game of the group against Switzerland on Wednesday night.

Asked what his role has been in restoring belief among his crestfallen players, he said: "Kicking a couple of backsides, giving a couple of cuddles, getting them together as a group, making them understand why we had that performance on Friday night and making sure we don't have that again.

"I'm always confident in my players and I'm confident in myself.

"We let people down, we obviously let the country down, but we let ourselves down. That is what hurts the most. It is what hurts me the most, that we let ourselves down.

"If we don't let ourselves down then we don't let anybody else down so we have to look straight at the source of the problem.

"What happened? We were the problem. Okay, let's fix ourselves. If we fix ourselves then the country might like us again!"

Clarke believes the strength of the bond forged between himself and the players over five years together has allowed him to bring the hammer



AGONY Frustration for Christie

down on them following the opening-night flop.

He said: "Initially I would have been hesitant to do it but we have been together for a long time.

"I respect the players and I am 99.9 per cent sure that the players respect me and my staff. So we can have an open dialogue.

"We can use everything as a motivation.

"The biggest motivation for me is that when we came to this tournament we felt we were a good team.

"We haven't shown that in the first game so let's show it in the second game.

"If we show we are a good team and play as we can play we can get a result in the Swiss game that takes us to the last game. That's what we have to do.

"We believe in ourselves. There is no danger of that. We know it was a bad night. We have to accept the criticism that comes our way but we have to try to put it right."

And asked what he plans to do differently in Cologne on Wednesday night against the Swiss, Clarke said: "Try not to concede five goals.

"Give a better message. If I criticise myself – and I always do, I start with myself – maybe I gave too much information which clouded the players on the pitch in terms of what we do with the ball, what we do without the ball.

"So we can work on that. We did this morning and will for the next two days going into the game on Wednesday night. Hopefully we will see a different performance.

"I have spoken to one or two players around the squad, whose opinion I value. I had a good chat with a few of them.

"I then had a little chat with a lot of them on the training pitch this morning, just to try and put one or two things in their head that maybe they didn't do when they went on the pitch, that they should have done.

"We know what went wrong. I spoke to the players about what I feel was wrong from my side, from what I gave them.

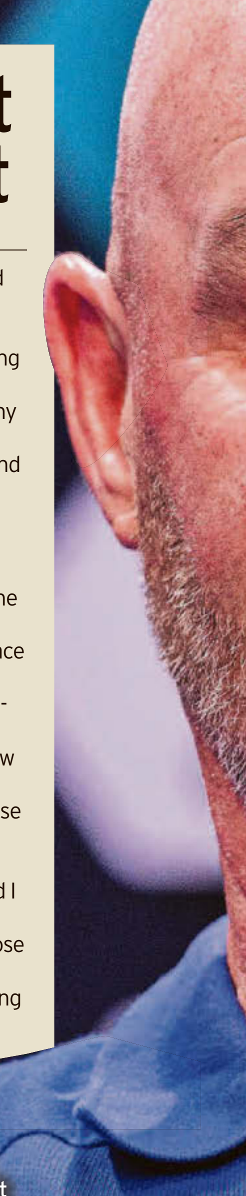
"Their interpretation of what we asked them to do was wrong so we have worked on that and spoken about that.

"I haven't finished with them because we have a pre-dinner meeting just to tidy that up.

"The post-dinner meeting will be about Switzerland and working towards that game.

"We are just tidying up the loose ends when I get back now."

1 HIDING



I hadn't lost plot at Aust

BY **ANTHONY EVANS**

STEVE CLARKE has lifted the lid on his touchline row with Austin MacPhee – and insists the set-piece coach was in the "wrong place at the wrong time".

With Scotland trailing Germany in the second half, TV cameras picked up the Dark Blues boss and MacPhee in a heated exchange of words after a set-piece came to nothing.

But Clarke said: "It was really simple. Everyone on the touchline was frustrated. Austin just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time as I turned round after we took a short free-kick instead of a long one to put the ball into the box, which is how we got the goal.

"It wasn't Austin's fault because the players have to make that decision on the pitch.

"We got counter-attacked and I thought, 'We have lost enough goals Austin, we don't need to lose any more goals'. Listen, he's got long, blond hair but I am not going to give him a cuddle."

ON A WINK AND A PRAYER Clarke and his Scotland players desperately need a result against Switzerland on Wednesday night

ROUT TO MAKE AMENDS IS QUITE ENOUGH

Boss fronts up after Friday night horror show: We let ourselves and the country down – but now it's my job to remedy that...

SCOTT McDERMOTT
AT THE SCOTLAND TRAINING CAMP IN BAVARIA

WALKING from Scotland's hotel to the media centre in Garmisch-Partenkirchen there were two different roads Steve Clarke could have gone down yesterday.

The first one might even have come more naturally to him. The shutters up approach. With his back against the wall and that trademark scowl.

Or the second, which probably would have gone against his instincts. The relaxed approach, almost verging on jovial at times.

A laugh, a joke and a smile. At one point, he even started talking about giving people cuddles. Thankfully for us, he went for the latter.

And after his team's mauling in Munich on Friday night, you can't help but think he chose wisely.

When he eventually sat down deep in the bowels of the town's Olympia Stadium, he was maybe as honest and engaging as he's ever been since taking this job on.

He had to be. Because the Allianz annihilation at the hands of Germany on Euro 2024's opening night was a chastening experience for the manager and his players.

But somehow Clarke has to lift the gloom currently engulfing a nation before Wednesday night's showdown with Switzerland.

When asked if anyone had given him a hug in the last 48 hours, he said: "No one has given me a cuddle. But my family – my wife, daughter and two boys – were at the game on Friday in the first row behind our dugout.

"So they know now that dad's language isn't always very good."

That certainly lightened the mood before Clarke's grilling, which he was more than ready for. He could easily have ducked out of his media duties and sent right-hand man, John Carver.

But no, Clarke was determined to face whatever was coming at him.

When asked if he understood why the nation might have lost faith in him and the players, with his arms stretched, he said: "We lost 5-1. So, come on.

"This is life and it's probably why I'm still in the game after all these years because I know what's coming.

"I can't change that. I can't change what people think of me or the team. I can't change anything about the bubble around us if people want to have a pop.

"But it can't be inside my head because it has to be clear before I can go into the next game, which is a crucial one. People can talk about their disappointment however they want. We have to take that.

"Callum McGregor took it at the press conference on Saturday and I'm taking it today. It wasn't fair to put John up today because when I turned up before the game on Wednesday you would be wanting to put me on the spot about Germany.

"For me it's about cleaning this up. I'll have one more meeting with the players about it and there will be a few nervous boys after what I said on the training pitch. Did we expect too much from the players on Friday? No, because with what they've done for the country, we should have expectations.

"We don't hide from that. We're not hiding from anything.

"I could sit here and say, 'Oh, it's great that we've qualified for this'.

"But no, expectation is good. It means you've achieved something and people have said: 'You know what? This team is all right'.

"The other night, we weren't all right. So we have to remedy it."

There were plenty of accusations flying around in the aftermath of the Germany defeat.

In terms of Clarke, he was blamed for producing the same kind of insipid performance we had seen from the opening game of the last Euros when we lost 2-0 to Czech Republic at Hampden.

Whether you agree or not, he's not buying it. As for the players, it was implied that they were scared at the Allianz.

Even Germany gaffer Julian Nagelsmann said it. That they had froze on their big night like a rabbit caught in headlights.

And the Scotland boss candidly admitted there might be some substance to that. He said: "People talk about the Czech game but if the boy (Patrik Schik) doesn't score from 55 yards it might have been different.

"Maybe when we go to the World Cup in 2026, we have to make sure we don't go into the first game with nerves. I think we looked – it's difficult to say nervous because these players play at a high level – but a little bit uptight from kick-off on Friday.

"Our first couple of clearances were just kicked up the pitch. Normally, we get it down, make a pass and try to play. I don't think we were afraid because we didn't go into it with fear.

"But maybe Germany's first attack spooked us a bit when they put it in behind us. We dropped 10 yards deeper than we should have done.

"We needed to have the strength of mind to hold and be what we are, which is a good pressing team when we get it right. Obviously, we got it completely wrong the other night."

> **I can't change what people think of me or the team, or if people want to have a pop**
>
> STEVE CLARKE ON THE CRITICISM

One thing Clarke won't do is hit the panic button. After that Czech defeat, his team went to Wembley and got a deserved 0-0 draw against England.

He's already sensed a feeling of embarrassment and anger at their Bavarian base camp and hopes the players can use that to get back on track against Switzerland and Hungary. But while they'll have to look within themselves, so will Clarke. And he knows it.

He said: "We had to go to Wembley last time and we got a point to give us a chance in the last game.

"We must do that again. So we understand that a little bit better now. That's what's great about when you keep qualifying for tournaments – you learn to find a way.

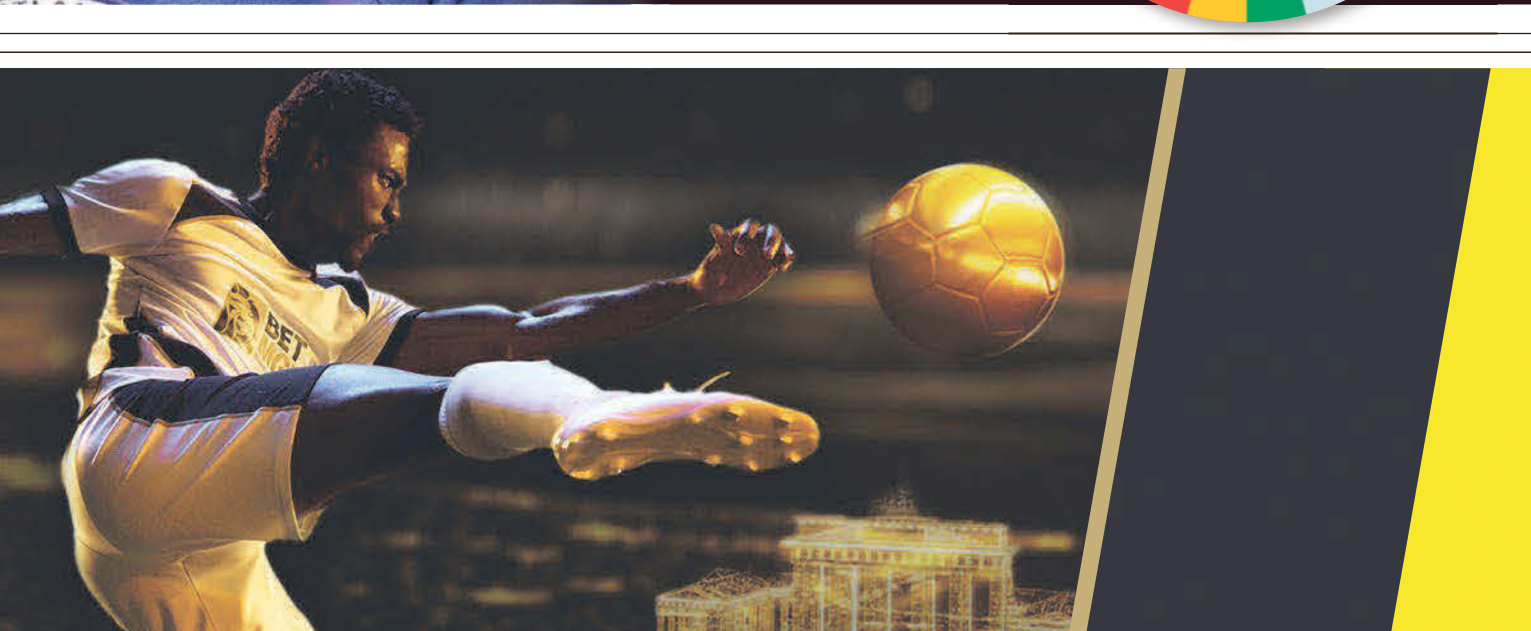
"A win or a draw on Wednesday would be just what the doctor ordered. There are negative emotions right now but we can use that as motivation.

"But the biggest motivation for me is that when we came to this tournament, we felt we were a good team. We haven't shown it yet so let's show it on Wednesday.

"If we do, we can get a result against the Swiss.

"My main emotion on Friday was just disappointment that the players had let themselves down. That I'd let myself and the country down.

"But do I see strong characters here? Yeah, when I look in the mirror, I see one straight away."



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GERS SECURE £1.7M HAMZA

BY **SCOTT BURNS**

RANGERS have struck a £1.7million deal for Hamza Igamane and hope to back it up with Connor Barron's capture this week.

Gers are set to announce the signing of FAR Rabat's Morocco Under-23 striker in the next few days. The deal for the

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ON HIS WAY IN Igamane



EURO2024 SWISS CRUNCH COUNTDOWN

SERBIA.........0
ENGLAND.....1

JUDE'S GOT EU GOING

Bellingham nets on a nervy night for Gareth

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EURO 2024 IN ASSOCIATION WITH William HILL 17.06.2024 POLAND 1 NETHERLANDS 2 HORST WITH... EVERY GOAL... EVERY GAME... EVERY DAY

PLUS YOUR 8-PAGE PULLOUT INSIDE

Clarke kicks butt and gives out some cuddles as Scots bid to bounce back from Munich mauling

THE MEND GAME

FROM **KEITH JACKSON** IN BAVARIA

STEVE CLARKE says he has been "kicking a couple of backsides" and giving out some "cuddles" in a bid to make the country fall back in love with his Scotland side.

The boss admits being "hurt and disappointed" by the woeful nature of the opening performance on Friday night when Germany romped to a devastating 5-1 Group A win in Munich.

Back at the national team's camp in Garmisch-Partenkirchen yesterday, Clarke accepted

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LET'S PUT IT RIGHT Andy Robertson on training pitch yesterday as Scotland prep for Swiss clash



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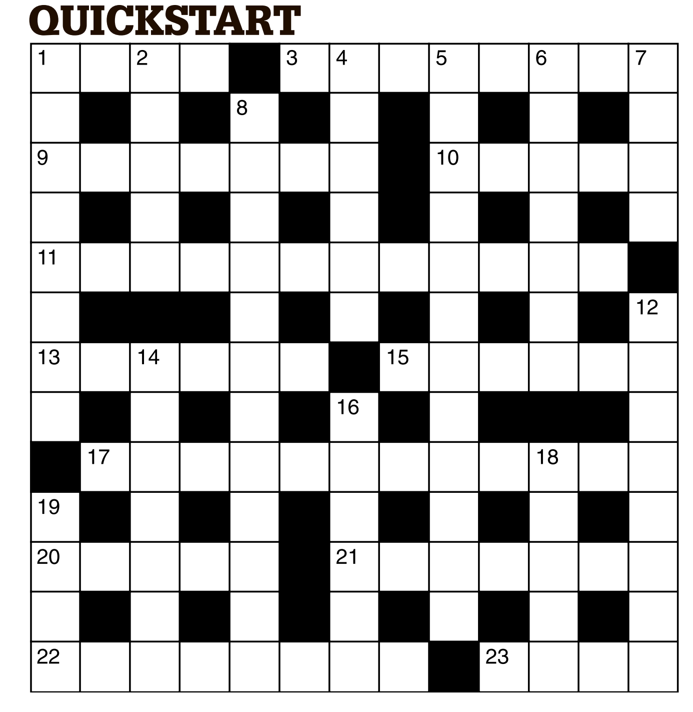
EXTRA PUZZLES

GK CROSSWORD

ACROSS
6. Peter, writer/actor who played Hercule Poirot in the 1978 film Death on the Nile (7)
7. High-level computer programming language (5)
9 and 12. Tragedy by dramatist Thomas Middleton set in Florence (5,6,5)
10. Frances Hodgson, author of Little Lord Fauntleroy (7)
12. See 9.
14. Walt Disney cartoon character who appeared in the 1928 film Steamboat Willie (6,5)
18. 1971 film starring Richard Burton as a London gangster (7)
19. Phil, 1984 Olympic slalom skiing champion (5)
21 and 15 Dn. U.S. author whose story is told in 1962 film The Miracle Worker (5,6)
22. Olympic event associated with Jan Zelezny (7)

DOWN
1. Town in Berkshire, England, noted for its horse race meetings (5)
2. Ancient galley having two banks of oars (6)
3. Mature female of domesticated cattle (3)
4. Pacific island which houses the sultanate of Brunei (6)
5. J.M., South African author of 1983's The Life and Times of Michael K (7)
8 and 16. 'The —', Tchaikovsky opera based on a short story by Pushkin (5,2,6)
11. Green long-horned grasshopper of North America (7)
13. '— Kane', film directed by and starring, Orson Welles (7)
15. See 21 Ac.
16. See 8.
17. Dennis, English French horn player who died in a car crash in 1957 (5)
20. Fifth month of the year (3)

QUICKSTART



ACROSS
1. Identical (4)
3. Prosperous (8)
9. Effeminate (7)
10. Pace (5)
11. Piracy (12)
13. Position (6)
15. Probable (6)
17. Drunkenness (12)
20. Wrong (5)
21. Indisposition (7)
22. All (8)
23. Extra (4)

DOWN
1. Quarrel (8)
2. Copy (5)
4. Tomboy (6)
5. Endless (12)
6. Huge (7)
7. Expand (4)
8. Rashly (12)
12. Catalepsy (8)
14. Restrict (7)
16. Sight (6)
18. Model (5)
19. Dial (4)

NINER

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

46887 gives wet snow
162594 gives suspended water droplets
534877689 gives changeable weather

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

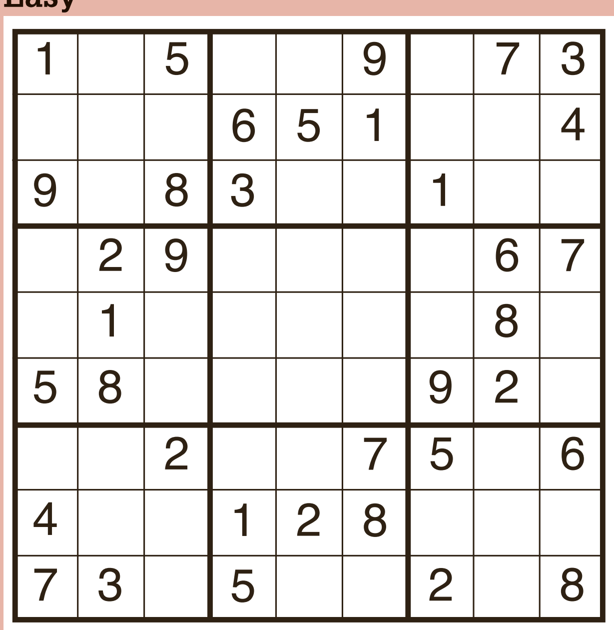
QUICK QUIZ

1. Which British king secretly married Maria Fitzherbert, before he acceded to the throne?
2. Who starred in the films The Glenn Miller Story and The Philadelphia Story?
3. What is the name of the simple instrument doctors use to listen to sounds within the body?
4. Which French novelist wrote the book translated as Remembrance of Things Past?
5. Which British golfer won The Open Championship in 1969 and the US Open in 1970?
6. What is the anatomical name for the lower jawbone?
7. Which American author wrote The Legend of Sleepy Hollow?
8. What is the name of the Simpsons character who owns the power plant?
9. Which British prime minister unexpectedly resigned in 1976?
10. By what name is the currency of Egypt known?
11. Who is Monaco's head of state?
12. Which city in Staffordshire is the centre of the British ceramic industry?
13. What sort of creature is a stilt?
14. In which US state is the city of Tampa?
15. Who wrote The Master of Ballantrae?
16. Which British rock singer recorded the album Every Picture Tells a Story?
17. Which British airport was opened to passengers in 1946?
18. Which noisy black-and-white crow is allegedly attracted to shiny objects?
19. In which county is the market town of Ashby-de-la-Zouch?
20. What name is given to a naval vessel with a large flat deck for launching and landing warplanes?

SUDOKU

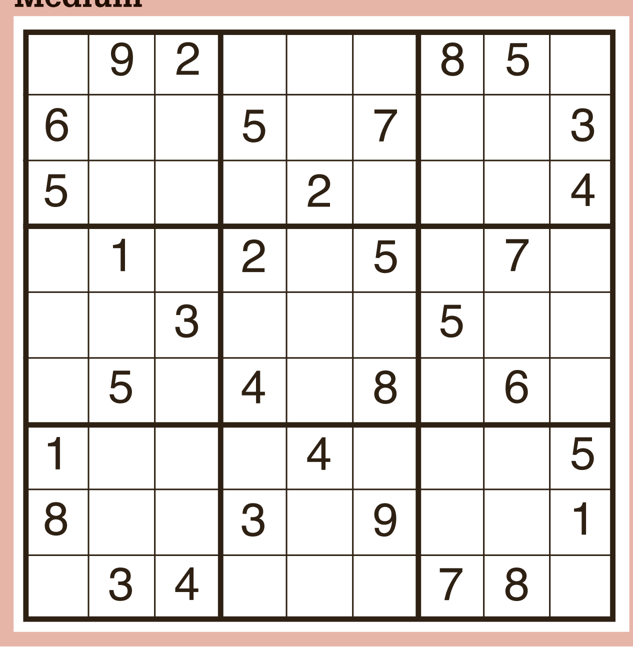
There is one simple rule in Sudoku. Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box.

Easy



1		5			9		7	3
			6	5	1			4
9		8	3			1		
	2	9					6	7
	1						8	
5	8					9	2	
		2			7	5		6
4			1	2	8			
7	3		5			2		8

Medium



	9	2				8	5	
6			5		7			3
5				2				4
	1		2		5		7	
		3				5		
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	3	4				7	8	

Hard

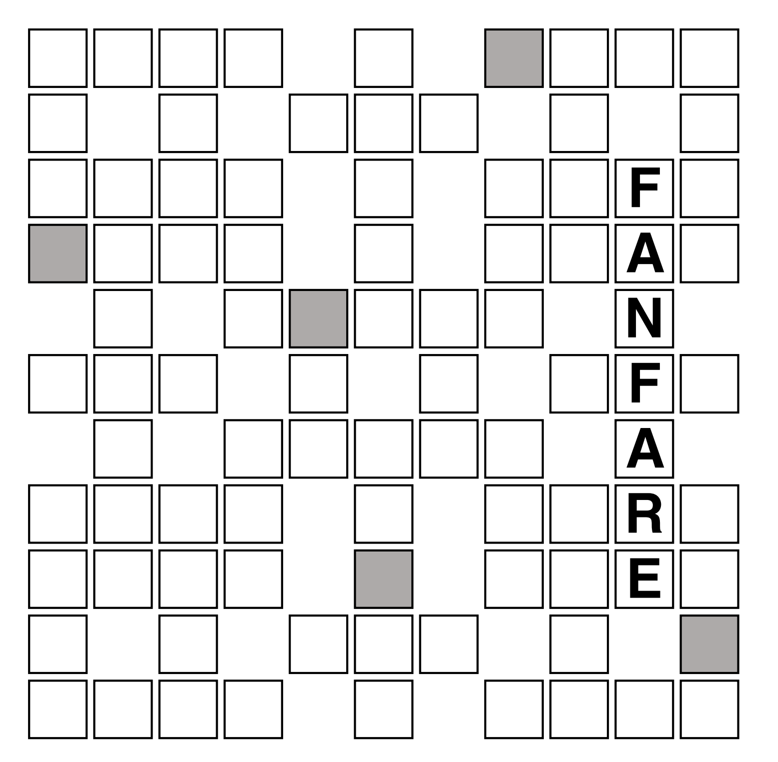


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	4				1			
2	6						9	5
			9				6	
4								9
	7			6	8			
		5		9		6		4

EXTRA PUZZLES

FILL IN

When you've completed the puzzle, rearrange the shaded squares to spell out a mountain range. We've given you one word to start you off.



3 LETTERS
AGO
DRY
JAR
LEE
LEG
OFF
RAP
SHE
STY
WIG

OPAL
PLEA
RARE
SAFE
SEEP
SPOT
SUBS
TARE
TEEN
TRAP
TRUE

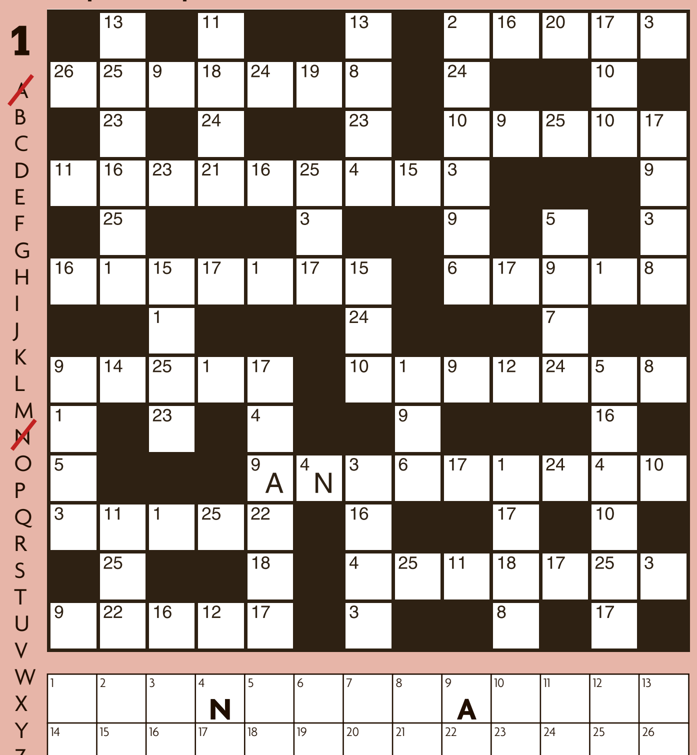
4 LETTERS
ACRE
AFAR
BEAR
BYTE
CLAY
EASE
FETE
FRET
LASS

5 LETTERS
BIRDS
GASSY
LOSER
SHARD

7 LETTERS
~~FANFARE~~
PANACEA

CODEWORD

This puzzle has no clues. Instead, every number printed in the grid represents a letter, with the same number always representing the same letter. For example, if 8 turns out to be a V, you can write in V wherever a square contains 8. Using your knowledge of words, complete the puzzle.



2

	11		2			10		9	20	17	19	6
19	13	12	13	21	11	3		11			24	
	22		8			5		17	13	1	5	4
15	13	12	12	6	16	11	14	22				24
	19				20			5		21		19
15	20	3	5	11	23	5		26	20	20	21	4
		13				3				4		
4	17	11	16	4		25	11	7	5	4	21 T	6
20		26		24			23				11 A	
26				4	18	24	5	11	25	13	4	9
21	20	8	12	4		8			5		4	
	15			5		21	9	24	8	19	5	26
4	21	20	20	19		20			19		3	

~~A~~ B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S ~~T~~ U V W X Y Z

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
										A		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
							T					

WORDSEARCH

Find the listed words and phrases in the grid below. Words can run forwards, backwards, up, down and diagonally.

T	F	I	K	F	O	N	S	Q	T	H	I	B	K	K
T	O	H	S	I	R	E	V	E	F	D	L	A	V	J
R	W	W	A	H	T	O	R	C	R	I	R	G	B	B
E	O	Y	P	P	I	N	S	E	S	C	Z	N	R	L
W	R	A	S	B	L	V	R	T	T	R	K	I	A	E
S	A	W	S	N	A	L	E	I	Y	T	W	K	S	A
R	T	R	M	T	C	R	C	R	V	F	I	A	S	K
G	P	E	M	D	I	I	U	K	Y	G	Y	B	M	N
N	A	C	N	N	P	N	D	H	S	N	N	D	O	E
I	R	H	G	Q	O	O	G	G	G	I	J	J	N	Z
L	C	I	Y	O	R	Y	M	W	D	D	R	Y	K	O
Z	H	L	E	M	T	F	Z	I	I	L	Z	B	E	R
Z	I	L	T	G	V	G	M	J	A	A	Z	J	Y	F
I	N	Y	B	U	P	U	E	P	C	C	T	H	S	Y
S	G	V	F	J	H	T	G	I	S	S	P	A	Y	E

WORDS MEANING HOT OR COLD

ARCTIC
FROZEN
BAKING
HUMID
BITTER
NIPPY
BLEAK
PARCHING
BLISTERING
ROASTING
BRASS MONKEYS
SCALDING
SHIVERY
BRISK
SIZZLING
CHILLY
TROPICAL
FEVERISH
FROSTY
WARM

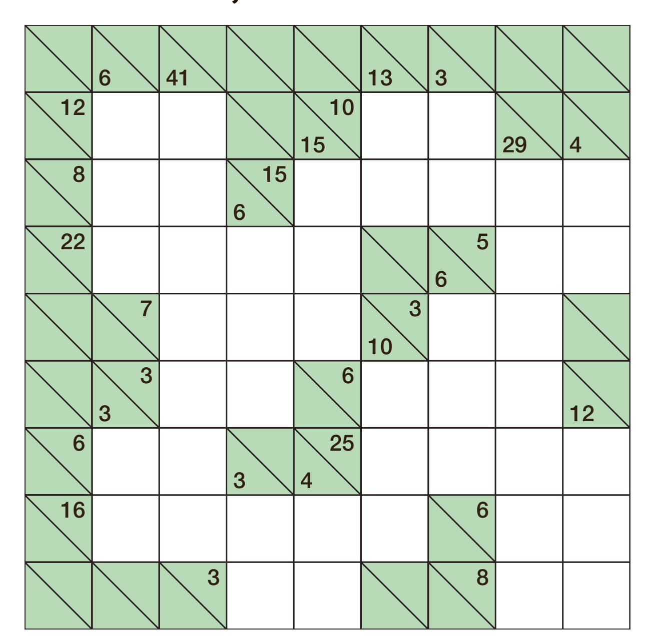
30-SEC BRAIN TEASER

Boost your brain power with our 30-second test. Start with the number on the left and follow the instructions. Beginners should aim to complete the puzzle in 30 seconds. Intermediates should finish their own puzzle and the Beginner's Challenge. Genius players have 30 seconds to complete their own plus the Intermediate. Good luck!

BEGINNER 23	+37	÷12	+73	2/3 of this	-49	×9	+11	×2	-23	ANSWER
INTERMEDIATE 35	÷7	+6	Squared	+15	7/8 of this	-110	×6	+84	÷2	ANSWER
ADVANCED 347	+18	4/5 of this	+107	÷3	-107	×7	+124	+1/6 of this	+16	ANSWER

KAKURO

Fill in the white squares with the numbers 1 to 9. Each horizontal block of squares must add up to the number in the shaded square to its left, and each vertical block must add up to the number in the shaded square above it. No number may be used more than once in any one block.



KILLER

Normal Sudoku rules apply, plus, the digits in each inner shape (marked by dots) must add up to the number in the top corner of the shape.

21			11	12		13		8
8	11			9				
	7			18			17	
13	15	4		23	9	18		13
						5		
	14		8		10		12	
10	21	12	15					8
				11	18		20	
		11						

ARROWWORD

The arrows show the direction in which the answer to each clue should be placed.

You, in the past / Excite
New Zealand bird
Expert, informally (3,4)
Purple berry
Bette _, pictured
Begin
Capital of Egypt
Penalise
_ off, fall asleep
_ Lipa, pictured / Large weasel
Watched secretly
Cooked at home (3,2)
Major world religion
New York river
Computing login requirement
Greek letter / Pain of the hip / back
_ Sampras, tennis ace / Sailor of folklore
Temptress / Record over
Subtract
Golfing assistant
Slippery / Type of exam
Appropriate / Broadway musical
Fulcrum
Not tied, as laces / Deciduous tree
Phone software program
Establish
Part of a window blind
Wane
Estimate
Italian composer
Voting against
Tequila plant / Female gametes
Bookcase level
Ultimate
Muhammad _, boxer / Slap
Self-contained unit
Grain store / Praise highly
Gas giant
Male chicken
Prepare leftovers, say
Greek letter
Containers
Owing
Finally (2,4)
Exemplify
As far as (2,2)
Fluctuate
Mythical queen of Sparta
Passage into a mine
Many times
Jelly derived from seaweed
Declared
Colloquial language
Science room
Adult insect
Turkish mountain
Prepares, as text
Unhappy
Way in

SOLUTIONS

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

Across: 6 Ustinov; 7 Cobol; 9 Women; 10 Burnett; 12 Beware Women; 14 Mickey Mouse; 18 Villain; 19 Mahre; 21 Helen; 22 Javelin. Down: 1 Ascot; 2 Bireme; 3 Cow; 4 Borneo; 5 Coetzee; 8 Queen of; 11 Katydid; 13 Citizen; 15 Keller; 16 Spades; 17 Brain; 20 May.

QUICKSTART CROSSWORD

Across: 1 Same; 3 Thriving; 9 Unmanly; 10 Tempo; 11 Buccaneering; 13 Locate; 15 Likely; 17 Intoxication; 20 Amiss; 21 Illness; 22 Everyone; 23 Plus. Down: 1 Squabble; 2 Mimic; 4 Hoyden; 5 Interminable; 6 Immense; 7 Grow; 8 Incautiously; 12 Hypnosis; 14 Confine; 16 Vision; 18 Ideal; 19 Face.

QUIZ

1 George IV; 2 James Stewart; 3 Stethoscope; 4 Marcel Proust; 5 Tony Jacklin; 6 Mandible; 7 Washington Irving; 8 Mr Burns; 9 Harold Wilson; 10 Egyptian pound; 11 Prince Albert II; 12 Stoke-on-Trent; 13 A bird; 14 Florida; 15 Robert Louis Stevenson; 16 Rod Stewart; 17 Heathrow; 18 Magpie; 19 Leicestershire; 20 Aircraft carrier.

CODEWORD

1 1=R, 2=J, 3=S, 4=N, 5=T, 6=W, 7=X, 8=Y, 9=A, 10=G, 11=C, 12=V, 13=H, 14=Z, 15=D, 16=O, 17=E, 18=L, 19=F, 20=K, 21=P, 22=B, 23=M, 24=I, 25=U, 26=Q
2 1=V, 2=Z, 3=L, 4=S, 5=E, 6=Y, 7=J, 8=N, 9=H, 10=F, 11=A, 12=G, 13=I, 14=C, 15=P, 16=B, 17=W, 18=Q, 19=D, 20=O, 21=T, 22=K, 23=X, 24=U, 25=M, 26=R

NINER

CONSULTED

30-SECOND BRAIN TEASER

53, 69, 373

SUDOKU: EASY

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7	3	1	5	9	6	2	4	8

SUDOKU: MEDIUM

3	9	2	6	1	4	8	5	7
6	4	1	5	8	7	2	9	3
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9	3	4	1	5	2	7	8	6

SUDOKU: HARD

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KILLER SUDOKU

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KAKURO

	3	9			9	1		
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			2	1			6	2

FILL IN

S	U	B	S		B		L	A	S	S
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	C		L	O	S	E	R		A	
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Hidden word: Atlas

WORDSEARCH

T	F	I	K	F	O	N	S	Q	T	H	I	B	K	K
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S	G	V	F	J	H	T	G	I	S	S	P	A	Y	E

ARROWWORD

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COFFEE BREAK CORNER

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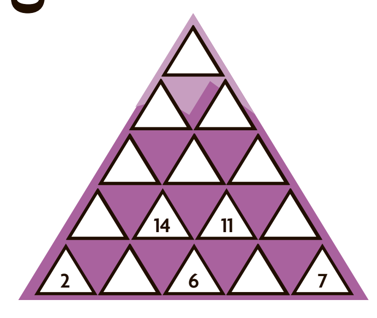
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8797381278 gives an investigator

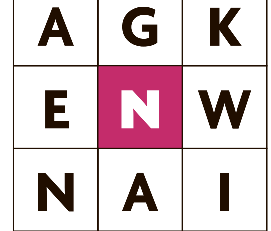
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SUMMIT UP

If the number in each triangle is the sum of the two below, what is the top number?



WORDSQUARE



A	G	K
E	N	W
N	A	I

Using the central letter and at least three others, how many words can you find? Plurals, proper nouns and hyphenated words are not allowed, and there is at least one nine-letter word.

Target:
15 – good;
20 – very good;
25 or more – excellent

WORD LADDER

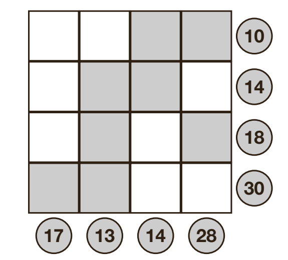
Change one letter at a time (but not the position of any letter) to make a new word – and move from the word at the top of the box to the word at the bottom using the exact number of rungs.

W O L F

H O W L

EVENS

Insert any digit from 1 to 9 in the squares so that the numbers in each row and column add up to the given totals. No digits may be repeated within a row or column. Only even numbers may be placed in grey squares.

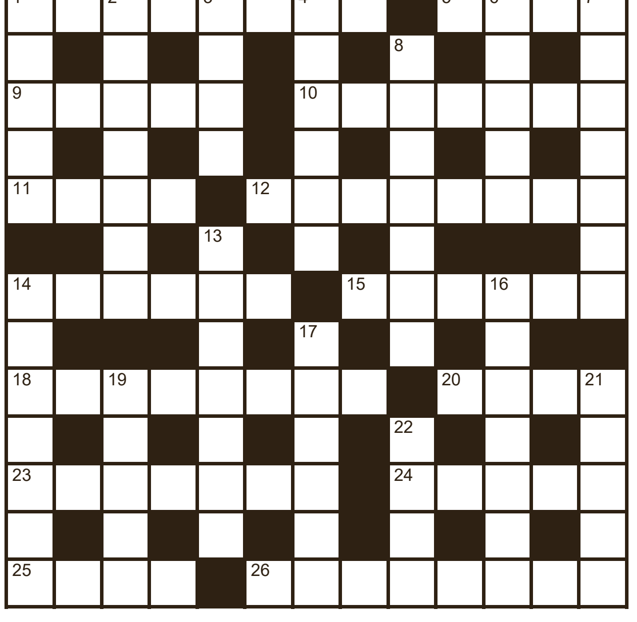


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ANSWERS

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WORD LADDER One possible solution is: WOLF, WOOF, WOOD, FOOD, FOOL, FOWL, HOWL.

WEE THINKER



Across

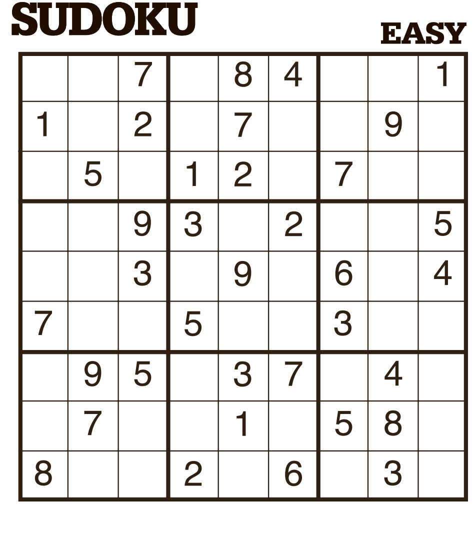
1 Figures a conservative to be lacking diligence (8)
5 Chap finds bishop grave (4)
9 Permissible to run away (5)
10 Money is wonderful (7)
11 Send it back after the old monster (4)
12 Evidently he was also a fine father (8)
14 Dance in prisons (6)
15 Somehow beat silver into drinks container (6)
18 Mike may take new heart, getting a century! (8)
20 Wave in panic (4)
23 Piece of tin, thanks, cheers! (7)
24 The yacht builder's daughter? (5)
25 Leer up at film (4)
26 Exercise confused one plumber (6,2)

Down

1 Ms Parton with camera support (5)
2 Do something illuminating to make things less burdensome (7)
3 In Kent, a temporary gallery (4)
4 Best ever album (6)
6 Decided to change depot (5)
7 Steer to follow pet (7)
8 Utensil often found in the works (7)
13 Quite a distance from the golf course (7)
14 Each cur upset poet (7)
16 A pillow for support (7)
17 A limo's ordered from East Africa (6)
19 Depend on fellow having gin cocktail (5)
21 Meet the cost of higher wages? (3,2)
22 Second taxi for blackleg (4)

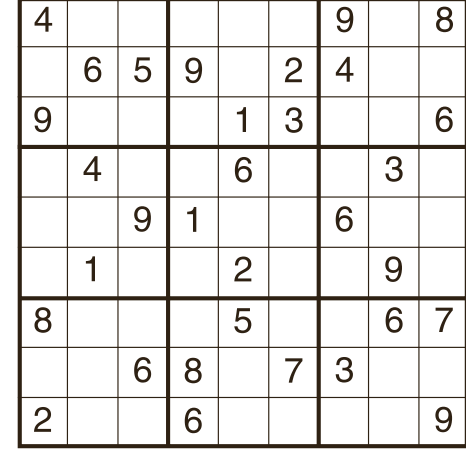
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MEDIUM



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ANSWERS

EASY

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QUICKIE

Across

4. Military term (2,4)
7. Ultimate (8)
8. Spain and Portugal (6)
10. Relieve, soothe (5)
13. Alcoholic drink (4)
14. Sound of a car horn (4)
15. Body part (4)
16. Four-poster, say (3)
17. Badly off (4)
19. Den (4)
21. Protect (9)
23. Fifty per cent (4)
24. Gives weapons to (4)
26. At present (3)
27. Metal money (4)
29. Leave out (4)
32. Heat injury (4)
33. Shoot from cover (5)
34. Former Spanish monetary unit (6)
35. Laboratory vessel (4,4)
36. Deprive of food (6)

Down

1. Shish or doner (5)
2. Beautiful girl (5)
3. Remain (4)
4. Foreign (5)
5. Water jug (4)
6. Tarantula, say (6)
9. Mayhem (6)
11. Sheltered side (3)
12. Shock or dismay (5)
13. An excellent buy (7)
15. Gardening tool (3)
16. Offer (3)
18. Remnant (6)
20. A criminal act (5)
21. Past tense of see (3)
22. Vase-like receptacle (3)
23. Trustworthy (6)
25. Fastener with two rows of teeth (3)
28. Address the public (5)
30. Take away (5)
31. Native American tent (5)
32. Carry or convey (4)
33. Takes a seat (4)

CARTOONS

THE PERISHERS

BY COLLINS & DODD



SHUGGIE AND DUGGIE

BY BULLIMORE AND ANDERSON





FRIDAY'S SOLUTIONS

WEE THINKER ACROSS: 7 Idolise, 9 Poach, 10 Solve, 11 Garland, 12 Vitamin, 14 Tack, 17 Hens, 18 Swansea, 20 Volcano, 22 Crisp, 23 Nicer, 24 Nervous.

DOWN: 1 Missive, 2 Roulette, 3 Dive, 4 Operetta, 5 Ta-ta, 6 Thuds, 8 Egg-and-spoon, 13 Massacre, 15 Cast iron, 16 Harpist, 19 Event, 21 Luck, 22 Care.

QUICKIE ACROSS: 1 Amidst; 7 Adelaide; 8 Camp; 10 Erodes; 11 Swerve; 14 Den; 16 Frail; 17 Pram; 19 Lisle; 21 Savoy; 22 Ripen; 23 Hall; 26 Nadir; 28 Ten; 29 Arable; 30 Loaded; 31 Awry; 32 Partisan; 33 Kisses.

DOWN: 1 Asleep; 2 Diadem; 3 Taps; 4 Blowfly; 5 Libra; 6 Jewel; 8 Coda; 9 Men; 12 Ere; 13 Vigil; 15 Dives; 18 Radar; 19 Lap; 20 Son; 21 Sirloin; 22 Rib; 23 Hearts; 24 Andy; 25 Ladies; 26 Nappy; 27 Dairy; 28 Tow; 30 Lank.

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POLAND 1 NETHERLANDS 2

HORST WITH THE MOST

Ex-Man Utd striker is Dutch hero

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EVERY GOAL.. EVERY GAME.. EVERY DAY

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TV GUIDE

TODAY
Romania v Ukraine (2pm, BBC One)
Belgium v Slovakia (5pm, STV)
Austria v France (8pm, STV)



GAME OF THE DAY

AUSTRIA v FRANCE (8PM, STV)

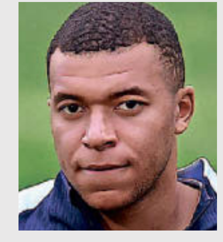
THE bookies have World Cup runners-up France as heavy favourites to come out on top of today's Dusseldorf dust-up.

But while Didier Deschamps has Kylian Mbappe at his disposal, Ralf Rangnick has been working wonders with Das Team.

They have lost just one of their last 16 games and have recorded impressive wins over Italy and Germany during that spell.

ONE TO WATCH

KYLIAN MBAPPE



FRENCH forward Mbappe, the latest Galactico in Real Madrid's galaxy of stars, missed out on a second World Cup when Les Bleus lost to Argentina despite his hat-trick in the final.

He'll be hoping for a better European Championship experience, however, after failing to score in four matches and missing a crucial spot-kick against the Swiss in the last 16.

WOUT OF

GOOD WEG Wout Weghorst scored late winner after Adam Buksa had glanced Poland into the lead, left

THE STATS

33	POSSESSION (%)	67
7	SHOTS ON	4
5	SHOTS OFF	17
3	CORNERS	6
10	FOULS	8
0	YELLOW CARDS	1
0	RED CARDS	0

Angry Weghorst sends message after coming off bench to score but Koeman can't guarantee start

POLAND.......1 HOLLAND......2

BY CHARLIE GORDON

RONALD KOEMAN revealed Wout Weghorst was upset at being benched before he came on to win the game for Holland against Poland.

Weghorst found the net two minutes into his cameo to seal a vital comeback win for the Dutch in their Euro 2024 opener.

Adam Buksa gave the Poles a shock lead early on before goals from Cody Gakpo and super-sub Weghorst turned the dial in Holland's favour.

"I try to explain to every individual player the possibilities for starting or coming on in the second half when we need a different player," explained Koeman.

"When I spoke to Wout about his role, he was a little bit upset and that's a good reaction. He was upset and doing a lot to get the opportunity to start. That's a great mentality from the player."

Weghorst's winner ensured his side's disjointed performance will quickly be forgotten.

Holland struggled to take full control of the game without injured midfielders Frenkie de Jong and Teun Koopmeiners.

But the hard-fought result gives them breathing room heading into their two remaining Group D games, against France and Austria.

Anything less than three points would have been considered a disappointment against a team playing without their injured talisman, Robert Lewandowski.

Poland boss Michal Probierz had acknowledged the Barcelona striker would be a big miss in his side's opening game. But for all the concern about his absence, it was his replacement who put the Poles in front at Hamburg's Volksparkstadion.

Attacking an inswinging corner from the left, Buksa executed a fine glancing header which flew past Bart Verbruggen and set off bedlam behind the goal.

Thankfully for Holland, they had the necessary talent to claw their way back into the tie.

Virgil van Dijk's volley forced a smart save from Wojciech Szczesny, and Memphis Depay lashed over from close range as the pre-match favourites looked for an immediate response.

With Koeman waiting for one of his stars to convert a chance, Liverpool's Gakpo answered the call in the 29th minute.

A healthy slice of luck was nothing less than his positive performance deserved as he powered towards goal, pulling the trigger from just outside the box and finding the net thanks to a big deflection off Bartosz Salamon.

Gakpo could have had a second shortly before the interval, but his poked effort looped over the bar after Nathan Ake's brilliant overlapping run.

As Koeman's men searched for a winner in the second period, Denzel Dumfries flashed a shot wide of the far post.

But with the noise inside the Volksparkstadion

ORDER

building to a crescendo, Weghorst skilfully turned in Ake's cross.

The former Manchester United flop was mobbed by team-mates before the Oranje grouped together and saw the game out against the spirited Poles.

It was a jubilant way to end the match for the crowds of football-mad supporters who painted the town orange before kick-off.

Weghorst's emphatic response to being on the bench has raised questions about whether he could be thrown in from the start ahead of Memphis Depay against France on Friday.

Koeman said: "Of course he can start. He's started other games and that's an option.

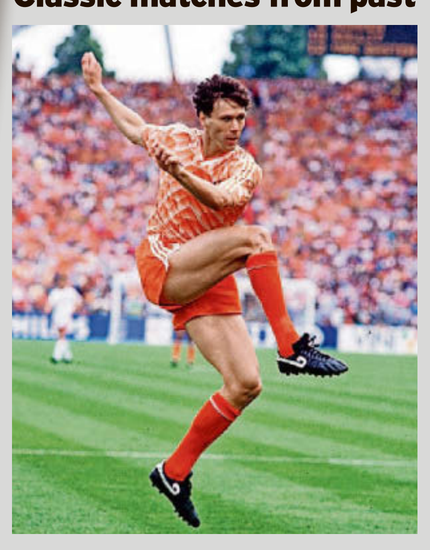
"We will see what the best is for the team, not what the best is for the player."



CODY BREAKER Gakpo's leveller, top, before hitman Weghorst nets and celebrates, above. Left, boss Ronald Koeman and Jakub Moder feel the tension

EUR HISTORY

Classic matches from past



USSR.....0 HOLLAND.....2

Euro 1988 final: Olympic Stadium, Munich, Saturday, June 25

IT was one of those "where were you" moments. One of those "off your couch" moments. One of those "did that really just happen" moments.

When Marco van Basten shaped to shoot from an impossible angle, perhaps not even he could imagine he was about to create an iconic football image, forever frozen in time, to be cherished and revered.

Better still, and somewhat fittingly given its style, it was a goal that clinched the only major trophy won by a nation which gave the world Total Football.

There didn't appear to be much on when Arnold Muhren lofted a hopeful cross to the far right-hand side of the box.

And van Basten (above) had no chance to shoot, far less score, as the ball dropped out of the sky.

But shoot he did, connecting with one of the all-time great volleys over stunned Russian keeper Rinat Dasayev.

Coming after Ruud Gullit's headed opener, van Basten's spectacular volley effectively killed off the Soviet challenge.

And it had legendary Dutch coach Rinus Michels off the bench clutching his face in disbelief. AC Milan ace van Basten hadn't even started the tournament, playing second fiddle to John Bosman, Holland's top scorer in qualifying.

But after losing in their opener, a 1-0 defeat to the Soviet Union side they would beat in the final, Holland brought in van Basten and never looked back.

They played the final with the kind of swagger and verve they had shown from that moment on. Everyone remembers that Dutch team for the jazzy orange shirts and the stellar play of Milan trio Gullit, van Basten and Frank Rijkaard.

But it is van Basten's goal that will live longest in the memory, regularly coming up in compilations of the best ever scored.

"You need a lot of luck with a shot like that," he said later, with typical modesty. "Everything went well. It is one of those things that sometimes just happens."

It was a fitting end to the competition for a glittering side full of stars, with Ronald Koeman, Jan Wouters and Hans van Breukelen joining Holland's Big Three in the team of the tournament.

They had done it the hard way, too, by beating hosts West Germany, their conquerors in the 1974 World Cup final, in a real grudge match of a semi-final which Michels later called "the real final".

Janza denies Danes three points but sight of Eriksen scoring on return to Euros will be remembered long after final whistle

MOMENT TO WARM THE HEART

NEW CHAPTER Joyful Eriksen after firing Danes into the lead, inset above

THE STATS

32	POSSESSION (%)	68
11	SHOTS ON	16
7	SHOTS OFF	6
5	CORNERS	9
12	FOULS	9
2	YELLOW CARDS	1
0	RED CARDS	0

SLOVENIA.....1 DENMARK.....1

RYAN TAYLOR AT THE STUTTGART ARENA

CHRISTIAN ERIKSEN opened up on his relief at changing his Euros story despite Denmark's failure to see off Slovenia in their Group B opener.

The midfielder, who in his words "died for five minutes" on his last Euros outing against Finland in 2021 after a cardiac arrest, put the Danes ahead when he collected Jonas Wind's clever flick before firing home.

However, Denmark were made to rue several missed chances – including a sitter from Eriksen's Manchester United team-mate Rasmus Hojlund – as Erik Janza struck a well-deserved deflected leveller with 13 minutes to go.

Man of the match Eriksen, 32, said: "This time at the Euros my story is very different compared to last time, which is a big thing for me personally.

"I was very pleased. I didn't think about anything else other than football.

"I was just happy to help the team with the first goal.

"It would have been a different story if we got the three points.

"It was a wake-up call heading into the next game."

Hojlund could have had Denmark out of sight when Victor Kristiansen fizzed the ball across the face of goal but his effort lacked conviction and was smothered bravely by keeper Jan Oblak.

Slovenia were struggling to get into the game and Eriksen nearly created a second goal with a drilled cross that Benjamin Sesko hit against team-mate Jan Mlakar before the ball trickled just past a post.

Denmark had dominated up until that point but Slovenia fought back valiantly – inspired by talisman Sesko, recently courted by Arsenal, Chelsea and Manchester United.

Former Middlesbrough striker Andraz Sporar missed two great openings. Then, with 76 minutes on the clock, Sesko took the ball down 25 yards out and rattled a thunderbolt against a post.

From the ensuing corner, the Slovenians got their goal.

Denmark were only able to clear to just outside the box, where Janza met it with a crisp volley that flew past Kasper Schmeichel after a sizeable deflection off Joachim Andersen. Janza said: "When the ball came to me, I just closed my eyes and kicked with all the power I've got."

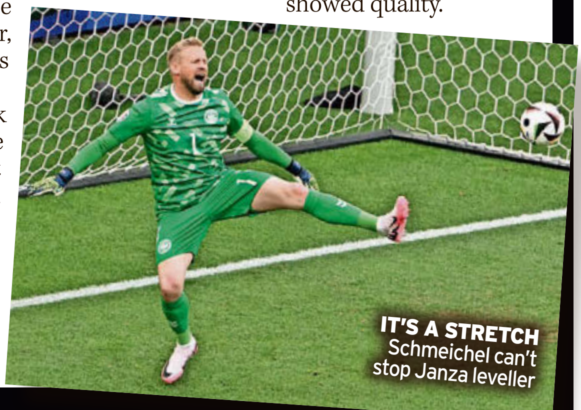
As for Eriksen, it had been 1100 days since he'd suffered his cardiac arrest before returning to the sport eight months later.

And national manager Kasper Hjulmand hit out at the critics who had questioned his decision to include him following a tough season at Old Trafford.

He said: "I've never doubted Christian as a player. You cannot hold down that kind of class.

"He's a natural player who knows the rhythm of the game.

"I know the critics have said he hasn't played so much but he showed quality."



IT'S A STRETCH Schmeichel can't stop Janza leveller

We don't fear a French lesson

KONRAD LAIMER is adamant Austria will not be intimidated by the football royalty in France's line-up when they meet tonight in Dusseldorf.

And the 27-year-old revealed the tournament being so close to home has added spice for the country and their fans.

The Bayern Munich midfielder said: "France have such a great squad with individual talents.

"If you named every one, we'd speak all evening. But it's not about that - it's about putting our own football on the pitch.

"If we can do that, we can hurt any team.

"We've prepared for such a long time for this - a Euros in a neighbouring country."

Austria have qualified for the fourth time in the last five Euros, reaching the knockout stages three years ago.

Ralf Rangnick, who turned down Bayern Munich to remain as coach, said: "We're playing against one of the biggest, maybe the biggest, favourites of the tournament.

"We're playing against the world vice-champions and definitely the nation who have the best squad and best forwards.

"We need to play at our best level. It's crucial that we are courageous and convinced of our own strength."



KANTE KEEP A GOOD MAN DOWN N'Golo is back at the heart of Les Bleus' midfield at these finals

BEHIND THE SMILE LIES TREBLE

Even Les Bleus find it 'horrible' battling Kante as team-mate says: I reckon three of him train with us

AUSTRIA v FRANCE

TODAY, 8PM, DUSSELDORF, STV

BY ALEX RICHARDS

KYLIAN MBAPPE is the star of the show but France's forgotten man is back with a point to prove.

N'Golo Kante has returned to the fold following 21 months in the international wilderness... and even has his team-mates running scared.

Striker Marcus Thuram laughed and said: "I have never seen anything like it, it's horrible, it's horrible, we can't play any more, we can't play in training any more.

"As soon as we have him on our team, we know we have won.

"I have the impression there are three of him!

"N'Golo is incredible. He reminds us why he is one of the best midfielders in the world."

It was at Euro 2016 where Kante made his competitive debut for Les Bleus, starring in their run to the showpiece on home soil after playing his part in Leicester's fairy-tale Premier League triumph.

Two years later, his partnership with Paul Pogba was the platform upon which boss Didier Deschamps built his side as they claimed the World Cup for a second time in Russia.

But the serious hamstring injury that destroyed Kante's final season at Chelsea meant he missed the World Cup in Qatar in 2022.

Then, with his free transfer to Saudi side Al-Ittihad last summer, his international career seemed over.

However, Deschamps – ever the pragmatist – has questions over which midfield selection gives his side the best balance.

Having seen his side lose to Germany in a March friendly – in which they shipped a goal a mere seven seconds in – Kante's exile was ended.

He started both warm-up matches for these finals – a draw with Canada and a win over Luxembourg – as Deschamps said: "For those who had doubts about his abilities and the intensity of play, he is still at the same level."

Now come the Austrians in the tournament favourites' opener.

While there may be questions about whether, at 33, Kante's lung-bursting abilities are what they once were, his long-time team-mate and old Chelsea pal Olivier Giroud is having none of it.

The 37-year-old said: "He has not changed. He is the same player I've known for years. He is everywhere. It's great to have him with us."

As for Les Bleus' main man Mbappe, the new Real Madrid star is ready to "give everything" to leave Germany with silverware.

Their 25-year-old captain said: "I discussed my role with the coach when I joined up with the squad.

"He said he might use me in different roles during the competition and to be ready.

"I said I've played in three different roles in my career and done well in all of them, so it's not a problem.

"I'm ready to give everything to help the team, whether it's up front, on the left or on the bench. I'll adapt."

TALKING IS ALMOST OVER Mbappe with his gaffer Deschamps on eve of opener

MONDAY

Mr Fixit

Punters bid to make a real Kylian

FRANCE were my tip to win the Euros so I'm hoping they get off to a flier this evening against Austria.

But the Austrians will not be a pushover as Ralf Rangnick has them playing terrific stuff, smashing six past Turkey going into this.

Most of Austria's starting line-up are odds-against for a shot at goal and Marcel Sabitzer looks good at 5/4 in that market with bet365.

The problem for Rangnick is he has to come up with a way to stop Kylian Mbappe, a man who comes alive on the big stage.

Mbappe scored eight times at the World Cup so looks good at evens for a goal at bet365.

Backing him to score with his right foot increases the odds to 7/5 at Unibet.

Group E also gets under way today and Belgium are McBookie's 4/9 hot favourites against Slovakia.

Backing them to be winning at half-time and full-time boosts the odds to 6/5 with the same firm.

Slovak defender David Hancko is 11/10 just to commit a foul (bet365) and that looks good given the quality of Belgian forwards.

Ukraine take on Romania in the other group game and look good for the win at 10/11 with McBookie.

Artem Dovbyk comes into the Euros in hot form, having scored 10 times in nine games for Girona.

The towering striker is a tough man to stop and looks good at 21/20 (bet365) to either score or assist.

Super singles

Mbappe to score with right foot (7/5, Unibet); Hancko over 0.5 fouls (11/10, bet365).



BELGIUM v SLOVAKIA

TODAY, 5PM, FRANKFURT, LIVE ON STV

FRESHER SITUATION

KEVIN DE BRUYNE believes Belgium have learned lessons from their feeble World Cup showing just 18 months ago.

The Red Devils were knocked out in the group stage and enter Euro 2024 under head coach Domenico Tedesco, who was appointed in February 2023 as successor to Roberto Martinez.

Belgium kick off their campaign against Slovakia and Manchester City midfielder de Bruyne insists the team are ready to go ahead of their opener.

He said: "Qatar is over now – we can't change things, positively or negatively.

"It was a disappointment, yes, but it was 18 months ago.

"This is a new tournament, a new coach, the team has changed quite a lot.

"We are all here to enjoy a good start to this competition.

"We can focus on positives or negatives from the past. The team is sharp and ready to start this tournament."

Belgium may not be as fancied as they have been in recent tournaments but Tedesco is quietly confident they are in good shape.

He has some key men back from injury and can reflect on a reasonable build-up that included an impressive showing at Wembley in March, when England were saved by Jude Bellingham's last kick of the match in a 2-2 draw.

The gaffer said: "I am very happy that we finally start playing. We've been through hard work and intense months. The recent weeks have been very positive.

"We'll see what our level is during the tournament.

"Jan Vertonghen and Arthur Theate are ready – they participated in the last three training sessions.

"Thomas Meunier will be back in the squad after the game against Romania.

"Axel Witsel will do a late fitness test and could be part of the group, otherwise it will be the next game for him."

Centre-back Milan Skriniar is one of Slovakia's most experienced operators at the top level.

And the 29-year-old, who played for Inter Milan for six seasons before moving to Paris St-Germain, believes they can shackle his former Inter team-mate Romelu Lukaku plus the playmaker in behind him.

He said: "De Bruyne is a player of enormous quality but I believe we will find a recipe for him too – and we will be able to create some scoring opportunities.

"I played with Romelu for three years, so I know his qualities."

Slovakia are competing in their third successive Euros after finishing second in their qualifying group and gaffer Francesco Calzona wants to go all out for a "positive result".

He said: "Belgium have very few shortcomings.

"They're third in the FIFA rankings and that says a great deal about them.

"They might have had some injury concerns but they've got top-class replacements.

"We need to give 100 per cent to try to make sure we get a positive result against a top class opposition."

> Qatar is over now. The team is sharp and ready to start this tournament
>
> KEVIN DE BRUYNE ON BELGIAN HOPES



KEEPING POSITIVE Belgian talisman de Bruyne

Chiesa had 2020 final flashback after Albania goal



BAD REMINDER Chiesa

ITALY star Federico Chiesa says the shock of being on the end of Albania's fast start in Dortmund gave him flashbacks of facing England in the Euro 2020 Final.

Nedim Bajrami pounced on Federico Dimarco's awful throw-in and fired home the fastest goal in European Championships history just 23 seconds in to stun the holders in front of a raucous crowd dominated by Albania fans. The goal smashed the previous record – the 67 seconds it took for Russia's Dmitri Kirichenko to score against eventual winners Greece in 2004.

Italy conceded the sixth quickest goal on the list, Luke Shaw's strike at Wembley after one minute and 56 seconds, which put England in dreamland in the showpiece three years ago. That joy wouldn't last, though, with the Azzurri bouncing back to win on penalties.

Chiesa said his mind drifted back to that night as the Italians were made to sweat before pulling off a 2-1 victory.

The winger, whose side face Spain on Thursday, said: "I had flashbacks of the Euro 2020 Final.

"We did the same thing against England and Albania, which was dominating." Italy hit back after that sloppy start and were ahead within 15 minutes courtesy of Alessandro Bastoni's header and Nicolo Barella's super drive.

Chiesa added: "The early goal also shook us up as we went on the attack and scored two.

"We deserved to score a few more goals. We ran a bit of a risk at the end but got the win."

UEFA EURO 2024 RESULTS

GROUP A
GERMANY · SCOTLAND · HUNGARY · SWITZERLAND

GERMANY 5
Wirtz 20, Musiala 19, Havertz 45+1 pen, Fulljrug 68, Can 90+3
SCOTLAND 1
Rudiger 87 og

HUNGARY 1
Varga 66
SWITZERLAND 3
Duah 12, Aebischer 45, Embolo 90+3

GERMANY ...
HUNGARY ...
Stuttgart Arena
WEDNESDAY JUNE 19, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)

SCOTLAND ...
SWITZERLAND ...
Cologne Stadium
WEDNESDAY JUNE 19, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)

SWITZERLAND ...
GERMANY ...
Frankfurt Arena
SUNDAY JUNE 23, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)

SCOTLAND ...
HUNGARY ...
Stuttgart Arena
SUNDAY JUNE 23, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)

GROUP B
SPAIN · CROATIA · ITALY · ALBANIA

SPAIN 3
Morata 29, Ruiz 32, Carvajal 45+2
CROATIA 0

ITALY 2
Bastoni 11, Barella 16
ALBANIA 1
Bajrami 1

CROATIA ...
ALBANIA ...
Volksparkstadion Hamburg
WEDNESDAY JUNE 19, KICK-OFF 2PM (ITV)

SPAIN ...
ITALY ...
Arena AufSchalke
THURSDAY JUNE 20, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)

CROATIA ...
ITALY ...
Leipzig Stadium
MONDAY JUNE 24, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)

ALBANIA ...
SPAIN ...
Düsseldorf Arena
MONDAY JUNE 24, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)

GROUP C
SLOVENIA · SERBIA · DENMARK · ENGLAND

SLOVENIA 1
Janza 77
DENMARK 1
Eriksen 17

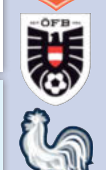
SERBIA 0
ENGLAND 1
Bellingham 13

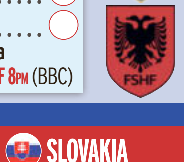
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SERBIA ...
Munich Football Arena
THURSDAY JUNE 20, KICK-OFF 2PM (ITV)

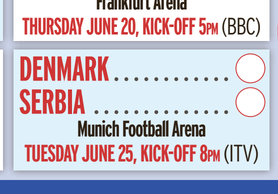
DENMARK ...
ENGLAND ...
Frankfurt Arena
THURSDAY JUNE 20, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)

ENGLAND ...
SLOVENIA ...
Cologne Stadium
TUESDAY JUNE 25, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)

DENMARK ...
SERBIA ...
Munich Football Arena
TUESDAY JUNE 25, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)






GROUP D
POLAND · HOLLAND · AUSTRIA · FRANCE

POLAND 1
Buksa 16
HOLLAND 2
Gakpo 29, Weghorst 83

AUSTRIA ...
FRANCE ...
Düsseldorf Arena
TODAY, JUNE 17, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)

POLAND ...
AUSTRIA ...
Olympiastadion Berlin
FRIDAY JUNE 21, KICK-OFF 5PM (ITV)

HOLLAND ...
FRANCE ...
Leipzig Stadium
FRIDAY JUNE 21, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)

HOLLAND ...
AUSTRIA ...
Olympiastadion Berlin
TUESDAY JUNE 25, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)

FRANCE ...
POLAND ...
BVB Stadion Dortmund
TUESDAY JUNE 25, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)

GROUP E
BELGIUM · SLOVAKIA · ROMANIA · UKRAINE

ROMANIA ...
UKRAINE ...
Munich Football Arena
TODAY, JUNE 17, KICK-OFF 2PM (BBC)

BELGIUM ...
SLOVAKIA ...
Frankfurt Arena
TODAY, JUNE 17, KICK-OFF 5PM (ITV)

SLOVAKIA ...
UKRAINE ...
Düsseldorf Arena
FRIDAY JUNE 21, KICK-OFF 2PM (BBC)

BELGIUM ...
ROMANIA ...
Cologne Stadium
SATURDAY JUNE 22, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)

SLOVAKIA ...
ROMANIA ...
Frankfurt Arena
WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)

UKRAINE ...
BELGIUM ...
Stuttgart Arena
WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)

GROUP F
TURKEY · GEORGIA · PORTUGAL · CZECH REP

TURKEY ...
GEORGIA ...
BVB Stadion Dortmund
TOMORROW, JUNE 18, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)

PORTUGAL ...
CZECH REP ...
Leipzig Stadium
TOMORROW, JUNE 18, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)

GEORGIA ...
CZECH REP ...
Volksparkstadion Hamburg
SATURDAY JUNE 22, KICK-OFF 2PM (BBC)

TURKEY ...
PORTUGAL ...
BVB Stadion Dortmund
SATURDAY JUNE 22, KICK-OFF 5PM (ITV)

CZECH REP ...
TURKEY ...
Volksparkstadion Hamburg
WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)

GEORGIA ...
PORTUGAL ...
Arena AufSchalke
WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)









GROUP A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Germany	1	1	0	0	5	1	3
Switzerland	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Hungary	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Scotland	1	0	0	1	1	5	0

GROUP B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Italy	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Albania	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Croatia	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

GROUP C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Denmark	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Slovenia	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Serbia	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

GROUP D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Holland	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Austria	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
France	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poland	1	0	0	1	1	2	0

GROUP E

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Slovakia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Romania	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ukraine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

GROUP F

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Turkey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Portugal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Czech rep	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

ROUND OF 16

GAME 37: 1A V 2C
BVB Stadion Dortmund SATURDAY JUNE 29, KICK-OFF 8PM (Dortmund)

GAME 38: 2A V 2B
Olympiastadion Berlin SATURDAY JUNE 29, KICK-OFF 5PM (Berlin)

GAME 39: 1B V 3A/D/E/F
Cologne Stadium SUNDAY JUNE 30, KICK-OFF 8PM (Cologne)

GAME 40: 1C V 3D/E/F
Arena AufSchalke SUNDAY JUNE 30, KICK-OFF 5PM (Gelsenkirchen)

GAME 41: 1F V 3A/B/C
Frankfurt Arena MONDAY JULY 1, KICK-OFF 8PM (Frankfurt)

GAME 42: 2D V 2E
Düsseldorf Arena MONDAY JULY 1, KICK-OFF 5PM (Dusseldorf)

GAME 43: 1E V 3A/B/C/D
Munich Football Arena TUESDAY JULY 2, KICK-OFF 5PM (Munich)

GAME 44: 1D V 2F
Leipzig Stadium TUESDAY JULY 2, KICK-OFF 8PM (Leipzig)

QUARTER-FINALS

GAME 45: W39 V W37
Stuttgart Arena FRIDAY JULY 5, KICK-OFF 5PM (Stuttgart)

GAME 46: W41 V W42
Volksparkstadion Hamburg FRIDAY JULY 5, KICK-OFF 8PM (Hamburg)

GAME 47: W43 V W44
Olympiastadion Berlin SATURDAY JULY 6, KICK-OFF 8PM (Berlin)

GAME 48: W40 V W38
Düsseldorf Arena SATURDAY JULY 6, KICK-OFF 5PM (Düsseldorf)

SEMI-FINALS

GAME 49: W45 V W46
Munich Football Arena TUESDAY JULY 9, KICK-OFF 8PM (Munich)

GAME 50: W47 V W48
BVB Stadion Dortmund WEDNESDAY JULY 10, KICK-OFF 8PM (Dortmund)

FINAL

GAME 51: WINNER 49 V WINNER 50
Olympiastadion Berlin SUNDAY JULY 14, KICK-OFF 8PM (Berlin)



We have to thank the warriors defending our country ... thinking about them is important

ROMANIA v UKRAINE

TODAY, 2PM, MUNICH, BBC ONE

BY MARK JONES

UKRAINE are determined to use their platform at Euro 2024 to ensure the world doesn't forget that their homeland remains under Russian invasion.

Having failed to qualify for the World Cup in Qatar, their presence in Germany is seen by the squad as the perfect chance to raise awareness of the horrors in their homeland.

For Bournemouth defender Illia Zabarnyi, it could be hard to keep a clear head in the circumstances.

But the 21-year-old says the thought of those fighting back home serves as motivation ahead of their group stage opener against Romania in Munich.

"It's a great honour to represent Ukraine," said Zabarnyi, who played 42 times for the Cherries in all competitions last season and has already amassed 170 senior appearances for club and country at his tender age.

"You all know the times we are going through now, and I feel incredible responsibility for my actions.

"When you understand how difficult it is to be there, then it is difficult to say the right words."

Despite those difficulties, the young centre-back is impressively lucid and composed when he discusses the horror of war and its impact upon the squad.

"I just want to say thanks to anyone who comes and supports us, and everyone who lets us play, because it is important not only for football in Ukraine, but also for all of life," he continued.

"Every day our country wakes up to alarms and it's so difficult to think about that.

"Children, women, just civilian people, lots of people die every day and it has to stop.

"We have to thank the warriors who defend our country.

"They are such incredible people with their bravery and I'm so grateful to them.

"It's very important for me to think about them.

"It's very difficult when you wake up, and you wonder what has happened to your friends and to your near and dear at home. You can only wish them safety.

"Of course, that can pressurise every one of us, but it adds a great motivation to come onto the pitch and do everything possible to win."

Despite those understandable worries, Zabarnyi is confident the Ukraine squad can make it through the group stages and extend their stay in Germany.

"We don't have superstars, we just have a really good squad," he said.

"The boys are all together, and I think in this moment we're a good team."

Everton's Vitaly Mykolenko is set to face a late fitness test for the match.

Romania boss Edi Iordanescu had a special Father's Day message from the man who inspired the nation's finest hour on the pitch.

Iordanescu's father Anghel was the coach who memorably took Romania to the quarter-finals of the World Cup in the USA in 1994.

He also led them into Euro 96 and the 1998 World Cup, where they beat England, and had two further spells in charge in the 2000s.

When asked if his dad had been dispensing any advice ahead of his tournament debut as a coach, Iordanescu Jnr said: "Of course I talked to my dad.

"What he told me is what he's told me before, just go your own way, and believe in your work. Our work has been good because we are here now.

"My dad had four tournaments so he can give me lots of tips but we have reached this place, so our decisions seem to have been the right ones."

PRESSURE Illia Zabarnyi is confident Ukraine will do country justice on the pitch but he is worried about loved ones at home